TEL AVIV (AFP) - An Israeli official warmed Sunday that a handover af land to Jordan as part of a border accord could spell disaster far several communities deprived at water. "Without their sources of water in the region, the communities would suffer a death blow," warned Guidon Tzur, head af the water department at Israel's agriculture ministry. "These sources are already being pumped to the maximum and we must make sure that the supply af water continues even if the (occupied) land passes over to the Jordanian side." he tald AFP. Mr. Tzur said 35 kibbutzim and cooperative villages in the Wadi Araba region used around 40 millian cubic metres af water per year, more than a third coming from the occupied land. The sources would be tost "if Israel responds entirely to the Jordanian demands," he said. Israel and Jordan are due to meet in Washington on Monday for bilateral talks on the border issue (see analysis below).

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The northern statement, broadcast on Sana'a Radio. said: "This refinery and other economic installations are the property of the Yemeni people and will never be a target of the forces of unity and legi-

Meeting in Abha, Saudi Arabia, foreign ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) termed as "a fait accompli the declaration by one of the parties of the Yemen Democratic Republic (YDR) and the return to the situation" before the country was unified in 1990.

"These two parties will only be able to maintain relacions within the framework of unity through peaceful means," they said, in apparent criticism of Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleb.

The president, a northerner. has vowed to fight to keep the coontry's foor-year-old unity, although Saoaa reacted in favour of a U.N. Security Council resolution calling for an immediate ceasefire.

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Jordan denies Beidh's charge that it sent arms to northern Yemen

By Ayman Al Safadi Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Jordan on Sunday categorically denied allegations by southern Yemeni leaders that the Kingdom was supplying arms and military spare parts to the forces of Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

These allegations are not true, we regret that they were made," Information Minister Jawad Al Anani told the Jor-

Southern Yemeni leader Ali Salem Al Beidh said in remarks published by the Dubai-based Al Khaleej newspaper on Sunday that he has confirmed information that the Kingdom was supplying weapons to Sanaa. Reuters news agency quoted him as telling the paper that he "did not expect such a stand from Jordan."

The allegations were repe-

ated in Cairo by Haidar Abu Baker Al Attas, prime minister of the breakaway "Yemen Democratic Republic. which was formed after Aden seceded from the Republic of Yemen on May 21.

Dr. Anani reiterated Jordan's policy of nonintervention in the internal affairs of others, saying it was "obvious Jordan did not interfere in internal Yemeni

Dr. Anani said Jordan supports the "legitimacy in Yemen which was chosen by the Yemeni people without the interference of anybody." We cannot accept (the

southern leaders') accusations," said Dr. Anani, noting that Jordan had mediated in its capacity as a neutral party ... the Yemeni conflict at the request of both Mr. Saleh and Mr. Beidh, before the crisis erupted into war on

Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali also denied the allegations of Mr. Beidh in statements to Radio Monte Carlo.

Dr. Anani told the Jordan Times that the Kingdom sent civilian aircraft with humanitarian assistance to Yemen and evacuated third country nationals when all other airlines stopped flying to the Arabian Peninsula country.

But when insurance premiums on flights to Yemen rose to \$500,000, the Kingdom flew military planes to the country for the same humanitarian purposes. "We took the risk and (the flights) were made before the eyes of the whole world," he said. "This is the stand of Jordan and there is no room for accepting (Mr. Beidb's)

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Majali briefs Parliament on peace talks and regional events lined the importance of these

ness to coordinate with the

Palestinians, said Mr. Masri.

He added that Dr. Majali

who was not really satisfied

with the level of Jordanian-

Palestinian coordination,

reiterated Jordan's support for

the Palestinian cause despite

Masri said, lauded Jordanian-

Egyptian relations and

affirmed that the recent meet-

ings of the two countries' joint

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The prime minister, Mr.

AMMAN (Petra) - Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali oo Sunday reviewed in a closed meeting with members of the Lower House of Parliament several domestic and foreign issues and the government's stand on them.

These included the peace process, Jordan's relations with the Palestinians, Syria and Egypt, the Kingdom's stand on the situation in Yemen, public freedoms and administrative issues, according to House Speaker Taher Al Masri.

Mr. Masri told reporters following the meeting that of the most important issues discussed at the meeting was Jordanian-Palestinian rela-

The prime minister under-

Jordan's relations with Syria

obstacles facing it.

committee bad helped enhance these relations. Dr. Majali also commended



Dr. Abdul Salam Majali

Government hopes raise in pay will boost performance

Economy better this year — Gammoh

AMMAN (J.T.) - The government's decision to raise by 10 per cent the basic salaries of civil servants aims at improving the living conditions of government employees and giving them incentive towards better and more productive work, Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali said Sunday.

Speaking at a meeting held at the Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ), Dr. Majali said the government was also seeking reform in its public administration system and improve the performance of employees.

less than 24 hours after the government's announcement that the 437,000 serving gov-

ernment workers, military personnel and pensioners will get a raise of 10 per cent that would not be less than JD 10 per month. The increase takes effect on July 1, 1994. Finance Minister Sami Gam-

moh said the decision was taken to give the civil servants a raise "within the government's financial means." But, he added, a special committee of experts is continuing to study other measures intended to improve government em-ployees' conditions and raise their efficiency and perform-

Mr. Gammoh told a press conference on Sunday that the government hoped the comsubmit recommendations to the government in the next few

Another committee had been entrusted with studying matters related to state-owned lands on which government housing units could be set up to benefit goveroment employees, he said. This committee would finish its work soon so that the government can sell tbe lands to the employees who would be given long-term soft loans provided by the state, the minister said.

Mr. Gammoh said that while the 10 per cent increase benefits government civil and (Continued on page 5)

Tourism minister adopts bold move to downgrade Aqaba hotels

By Natasha Bukhari

AMMAN - Minister of Tourism and Antiquities Mohammad Adwan has decided to reclassify hotels in Agaba as a step towards improving the quality of service in the country's tourism industry, according to ministry

The sources told the Jorministry's rating system.



A list of the new classifica-

According to the list, the Gulf Hotel would be the only rating.

Aqaba beachfront establish-

ments, were downgraded from four to three star hotels, and the Aqaba Alcazar and Miramar hotels dropped from ratings of three to two

The Aqua Marina 1 Hotel, also on the beach, was not reclassified and retained its three-star rating.

According to a study conducted by the Tourism Coordination Committee, the reclassification of the five hotels will mean a reduction of 70 per cent on the cost of services for foreign tourists and Jordanians who use these

tion campaign continues its efforts to provide the proper facilities and remove all obstacles to investors in the tourism industry in the direction of profitable and honest

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Violence

Bank (Agencies) — Israeli sol-diers wounded four Palestinians oo Sunday as violence flared in the mosque massacre town of Hebron in Ramallah, Palestinian sources said.

earle vio con A curfew which had been lifted on Hebron after 37 Palestinians and four Israeli soldiers were injured during trouble on Saturday was quickly reimposed Sunday.

Two Palestinians were lightly wounded by rubber bullets after stones were thrown at troops in the centre of Hebron, And clashes rumbled on in

Ramaliab where youths pelted rocks at soldiers who opened fire wounding two youths, wit-The violence in Ramallah erupted after undercover

agents shot dead two wanted ghters from the Islamic Resistance Movement last Tues-In Hebron, observers from the Temporary International Presence in Hebron (TIPH).

deployed after the February massacre of more than 30 Muslim worshippers by a Jewish settler, monitored the trouln West Bank town of

Bethlebem, another Palestiman was wounded when police opened fire on youths lobbing rocks at the police station, witnesses said. Police caught a Gazan who

entered Israel intending to carry home in plastic bags the heads of two of his former neighbours who collaborated with the army.

He got as far as the Tel Aviv flat of one of the men who managed to alert the security services, police spokesman Dorn Gadi said.

sions to M The youth from Jabaliya refugee camp said Hamas had Ihreatened to kill him if he did

not bring the two heads.

The would-be executioner, who was not named, was sent back to Gaza.

The report came after the new Palestinian police demanded that Hamas hand over the men who hanged two alleged foollaborators in Gaza two Eesks ago. Hamas has refused.

Israel has granted nationality and refuge to several hundred during the occupation. Many are armed and equipped with discontinuous tress warning systems linked in the security services.

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PLO says no cash New Israeli group seeks for self-rule body

CAIRO (R) — The Palestine Liberation : Organisation (PLO) needs money fast to complete its take over in selfrule areas of Jericho and Gaza but donors have been slow to respond, a top Palestinian offi-

cial said on Sunday. "The international community is moving very, very slowly (and) part of it is the World Bank talking about appropriate measures and institutions .. but if we are going to create these institutions we need some bridging measures until ... (they) are built," PLO offi-

cial Nabil Shaath told reuters. Dr. Shaatb, who holds the economy and planning portfolio in the new Palestinian National Authority, spoke after Israel said PLO leader Yasser Arafat should stop "playing the beggar and the whiner" and set to work on the problems of the Palestinian self-rule

Mr. Arafat told a U.S. television network in an interview that his expected return to Jericho would be cancelled unless international donors made good on their pledges of \$2.4 billion over five years from the Palestinian National Author-

Asked if he would return to Jericho as expected, Mr. Arafat said: "No, I am not ready to deceive my people ... I am sorry to say that the Israeli occupation had destroyed all the infrastructure — housing. schools, hospitals, roads, sew-

age."
"It's about time Mr. Arafat stopped playing the beggar and the whiner and got down to work on the problems there,"

Israeli government spokesman Uri Dromi said.

Israel had expected him to go to Jericho on June 15. Dr. Shaath said the PLO has so far received \$7 million in aid and expected five million ECUs (\$5.8 million) to come from the European Union ity (EU) soon.

"We don't yet have the money that is needed to run the administration efficiently. The \$7 million we've got will barely cover us until the end of June. The five million ECUs (to come) from the EU (will last a) maximum another month," he said.

Dr. Shaath said funds were not sufficient to finance the self-rule areas which will be run by the PLO under the deal signed with Israel in Washington last September.

We have to build all these institutions but where from? We have to bring in 7,000 policemen .. who is going to pay for them? These people are coming without salaries, with nothing," Dr. Shaath

He said the Israelis had left the self-rule areas in a shambles. Palestinian policemen have moved in as Israeli forces have moved out but a shortage of funds has hampered deployment and some police have been forced to sleep on floors.

This is a very unusual situation in which the Israelis have pulled out of Gaza and Jericho and left a catastrophe. One has never seen a British or a French ex-colony left with such

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to curb land 'concessions'

TEL AVIV (Agencies) -Hawks in Prime Minister Yit-2hak Rabin's Labour Party launched a lobbying group on Sunday to limit the amount of land Israel will cede in any peace deal with the Arabs

Organisers said at least three cabinet ministers and Deputy Defence Minister Mordechai Gur was to lend support to "The Third Way" at its formal inauguration later on Sunday, the anniversary of the start of the 1967 Middle East war.

Mr. Gur said the group offered an alternative to dovish calls for returning all land seized in the war and the hardline "not-one-inch" approach.

"What happened in the last period is a feeling took root in the public that there is no way out but to return to the 1967 borders and create a Palestinian state. We are saying no there is also a third way," Mr.

Gur told army radio. The "Third Way" supports the Middle East peace process but demands that Israel main-tain control of the Golan Heights, the Jordan Valley, 'Greater" Jerusalem and West Bank settlements away from built-up Palestinian areas.

Numerous pragmatists from the right-wing opposition Likud Party and "hawks" from the Labour Party as well as far-right wingers have announced their backing for the Third Way.

Among them are Likud's Youssi Peled and Gonen Segev of the hardline Tsomet as well as a gaggle of retited generals. Israeli political analyst Hanan Crystal said the lobby could strengthen Mr. Rabin's hand in negotiations with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad

by bolstering an Israeli refusal to give back all of the strategie Golan Heights. "If Rabin will say tomorrow he signed an agreement with Assad on (giving back) all of the Golan, most will go with him," Mr. Crystal said.

Third Way spokesman Itamar Marcus said up to 19 of 44 Labour Party Knesset (parliament) members and bundreds of central committee members were expected at the founding assembly. Almost all are in Mr. Rabin's hawkish camp within the party.

Israel's Haaretz newspaper said 70 rightist opposition Likud Party members would attend. Likud Party spokesman Tsvika Hauser said be believed only a few disgruntled members would come.

The group will lobby against far-reaching "territorial compromise on the Golan," which is at the centre of a deadlock in Israeli-Syrian peace talks. On the West Bank and East Jerusalem, the group's plat-

form closely resembles the Allon plan, developed by late Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon after the 1967 war. Allon advocated return of Palestinian population centres in the West Bank and Gaza while Israel kept control of the Jordan Valley rift and a large swatch of territory around

The founders hope to offset a public impression based on Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) that Mr. Rabin's hawkish nucleus has somehow lost ground in Labour to a

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Special to the Jordan Times

sources.

dan Times Sunday that Dr. Adwan has agreed on a suggestion made by the ministry's Tourism Coordination Committee to reclassify some hotels in Aqaba, one of the country's main tourist attractions, because both the infrastructure and the services offered by the hotels concerned were not on par with their ratings based on the

"Although this decision will be met with disapproval by the hotel owners, the minister believes that it is a necessary and long overdue measure to encourage those in the hotel business to improve their customer services



in terms of prices and facilities," said the source. tions was made available to the Jordan Times.

facility to retain its four-star

The Holiday Hotel and the Coral Beach Hotel, two

hotels. Moreover, this measure will automatically encourage the tourism movement in Aqaba during the off season, said the source. Nevertheless, the ministry's tourism industry promo-

Jordan seen confident of securing its border, water rights

By Ayman Al Safadi Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Talks scheduled to start Monday between Jordan and Israel in Washington could be the prejude for substantial and fast progress on the Jordanian-Israeli track of the Arab-Israeli peace process, well-informed sources

The confident tone in which Minister of Information Jawad Al Anani announced the talks Saturday indicated that the government had received signals from Israel that it was willing to move ahead in negotiating its borders with the Kingdom, said a seasoned analyst who held a number of cabinet portfolios in the past. Another source close to

the peace talks told the Jordan Times that in light of the progress and movement attained on the Palestinian and Syrian tracks respectively, Jordan could not afford to be left behind because that would put it in a weak bargaining position.

"If everybody reaches an agreement, we will not get any concessions from Israel and will be left behind" in an awkward position, especially that coordination among the Arab parties to the talks is well below the needed level, the source told the Jordan Times on condition of anonymity. That, he said, might have prompted Jordan to

take the necessary steps to accelerate its negotiations with the Jewish state.

The issue that will be discussed today by three separate teams are also an indication that Jordan and Israel will break new grounds in their first direct negotiations since February when Arab parties froze the negotiations in reaction to the Hebron massacre, the sources said.

Jordanian negotiators have repeatedly said that their talks with Israel were bogged down by Israel's refusal to demarcate its borders with the Kingdom. Jordan, meanwhile, has rejected to talk about economic cooperation and development before Israel recognised its

sovereignty over its occupied land and returned its share of water in the Yarmouk and

Jordan rivers. That the two countries are going to discuss borders, the issue of water and economic development is an indication that they have reached a compromise on the course of the negotiations, the sources

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The confidence in which Dr. Anani announced the resumption of the negotiations suggests that there has been a "positive development" and that the minister acted on information that Israel was

finally willing to negotiate the borders, and eventually reach agreement on it, one of the sources told the Jordan

As far as Jordan is coocerned, it has to move ahead with the talks in order to catch up with progress made on the Palestinian track and with the rapid movement on the Syrian front so that it will not find itself marginalised and weakened.

But the Kingdom's commitment to a comprehensive peace and its rejection of a separate peace treaty will assure Syria that it has nothing to fear from progress in the Jordanian-Israeli negotia-

tions, the source said. With the Palestine Libera-

tion Organisation (PLO) moving alone and without prior coordination with Jordan in its talks with Israel, and with Syrian-Israeli talks proceeding through U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, Jordan could afford, and needs to, move ahead with its track of the negotiations, the sources

To support his expectation of a fast progress, one of the sources noted the little significance of the water and border issues to the Israeli public opinion which would not make the Israeli government worried about making

concessions on them. He said any agreement on water that might entail an Israeli concession will not be immediately felt by the Israel public. Nor would withdrawal from occupied Jordanian land provoke the resentment of Israelis and put pressure on the government because most of this land is not even inhabited by Israelis. The decision by Israel and

Jordan to drop the issues of refugees from Monday's negotiations, which will be headed by Jordanian Ambassador to Washington Fayez Tarawneb and chief Israeli delegate to talks with Jordan Eliakim Rubenstein, also suggests that the two coun-

tries are set to achieve real Continued on page 5)

Egypt police hold 10 **Brotherhood members**

CAIRO (Agencies) — Egyptian police have detained 10 leaders of the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood and plan to hold them for 15 days for questioolog, Interior Minister Hassan Al Alfi said Sunday.

He told the semi-official newspaper Al Ahram the men were rounded up "a few days ago" on charges of hampering the execution of court rulings. He refused to identify the men and did not specify the

Although the Muslim Brotherhood was hanned in 1954, it has been largely tolerated by the Egyptian govern-meot because of its non-violent

Some of its members have in the past joined parliament in coalition with other parties.

Bot the government has lost patience with the group after it took part in railies last month protesting the death of lawyer Abdul Hareth Madani, who died while in police custody.

Four members were also arrested last month for allegedly distributing anti-government leaflets. Brotherhood leader Hamad Ahu Nasr was questioned on Sunday on the same charges, after answering a

Militants have been waging a two-year campaign to topple the government of President Hosni Mubarak in which close to 400 people have been killed.

On Sunday, a group of militants, shouting defiance, went on trial in a military court oo charges of trying to blow up Interior Minister Alfi last year.

Where is the law you are judging us by? God is our only jodge. We know that the final verdict will be decided by the interior minister," said one of the 14 defendants behind bars. Three others are on the run and are being tried in absten-

Defeoding lawyers complained to presiding Judge Wagdi Al Laithi they had not seen any of the indictment

papers.
The judge read the charges against the 17 defendants and adjoorned the case until June 12. If convicted, the men could face the death penalty.

Gen. Alfi escaped death in central Cairo on Aug. 18 last year when a bomh exploded just before his motorcade passed. The explosion killed twomilitants and three civilians. The men sang Islamic songs

and shouted anti-government slogans from behind barred cages. Some of them lifted their garments to show what they said were signs of torture.
"It's a good thing we are still in our right minds. We always

will be, no matter what those despots do to us," shouted Mohammad Rashad Hegazy. Many of the men were vis-

ibly moved after the eightyear-old son of one of their co-defendants burst into tears when he saw his father behind

The father, Masoud Al Aref Taleh, says be was being treated for a mental illness before he was arrested and that torture at the hands of his interrogators worsened his condition. When he was taken from the cage to present a medical cer-

tificate to the judge his son ran to hug him. There were two categories of meo kept in cages in the cour-troom in the heart of a barracks in the suburb of Heliopo-

Seven men who were dressed in white robes are alleged members of the militant group Jihad, which assassinated President Anwar Sadat in 1981.

Turkish government under fire for virginity exams

ANKARA (AP) - An international human rights organisation's has condemned the Turkish government for ignoring the common hot illegal practice of virginity exams for unmarried women in police custody, appying for government jobs and other situations.

Virginity exams are most commonly conducted on women in police custody, the New York-hased Human Rights Watch said in a report released Saturday. Such exams have also been forced on hospital patients, students living in dormitories and applicants for government jobs, the report

The report noted that female virginity is identified in Turkey with family or male honour, and that a woman's right to control over her own body is secondary.

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Relatives of a newly married Turkish couple still wait outside the bedroom on their wedding night to see if the sheets are stained with blood, the traditional sign the bride was a virgin. If she fails the test, the bride is sent back to her father's house.

Human Rights Watch urged Turkish medical workers to help stop virginity exams, and called on the Turkish government to denounce the practice.

Its report, "a Matter of Power: State Control of Women's Virginity in Turkey" carried dozens of personal accounts. including women who described the exams as degrading and painful.

The report alleged the government "denies or dismisses the problem. Even when government and medical officials acknowledge such abuse, they often blame families for the problem and attribute the abusive practice to traditional cul-

ture norms." "The Turkish authorities' involvement in, or tolerance of, compulsory virginity control exams violates.. Turkey's obligations to guarantee its. citizens equal protection under,

Two high school students committed suicide in 1992 after school authorities ordered them to submit to virginity control exams, the report said. If a female stdudent is found to be no longer a virgin, she is

Commenting on the report, a prominent Turkish woman author, Ayla Kutin, said the virginity issue will continue to cause tragic results as long as a sexual object... which be-longs to either her family or to

for comment on the Human

Rights Watch report Saturday. But when the two high kan Akyol vowed to do "ev-

in police custody have been raped, stripped and otherwise sexually abused. It said police arbitrarily harass unmarried women, accusing them of prostitution, and raid hotel rooms where unmarried couples are

law," it said.

expelled from school.

women are always treated as

her husband." Turkey'a first female prime minister, Tansu Ciller, has not publicly commented on virginity exams, and government officials could not be reached

school committed suicide, Women's Affairs Minister Tur-

erything I can on this subject."
"All of the officials who dare to create these incidents will be punished," she said. "I find this very ngly, very humi-

liating."
Human Rights Watch said despite the minister's remarks, the Turkish government has failed adequately both to pro-hibit the use of forcible virginity control exams, including by its police, or to punish those state agents who engage in it."
The report also said women

occupation. It also sentenced seven others to various jail terms and acquitted one Kuwaiti. The sentences were handed down almost a year after the trial

During the last session on April 2 defence lawyers said registered.



Yemeni war in stalemate one month on

By Jean-Endes Barbier Agence France Presse

DUBAI - One month into Yemen's civil war there are no signs of a let-up in the fighting. with northern troops poised outside the southern bastion of Aden despite international

efforts to impose a ceasefire. Since the war erupted on May 5 President Ali Abdullah Saleh has been caught in a dilemna, desperately wanting to crush what he sees as a southern rebellion while preventing the conflict from becoming an issue on the interna-

tional arena. Mr. Saleh's troops, numerically superior to forces loyal to southern leader Ali Salem Al Beidh, have advanced slowly hut surely in their push towards Aden.

Yet despite inflicting heavy losses on their rivals, the north has met continued strong resistance from the south which has taken to the skies mounting wave after wave of air attacks to beat back northern advances.

The south has also launched repeated Scud missile attacks words, with neither side showon Sanaa, in a bid to hit back at ing concrete signs of wanting to

KUWAIT (R) - The six men

condemned to death for trying

to kill former U.S. President

George Bush emerged at their

trial as the inept agents of an

Iraqi plot on the life of

great characters in a spy novel," a Western diplomat

said sardonically. "They look like a hunch of small time

hoods and losers and pathetic

"But Iraq saw this as a no-lose situation. They figured at

worst, they'd manage to set off

something, and it had great

deniability — just a 'bunch of smugglers'," he added.

Kuwait's state security court

on Saturday sentenced five Ira-

gis and one Kuwaiti to death

for trying to blow up Mr. Bush on his April 14-16 visit to

Kuwait to commemorate his

leadership in the 1991 Gulf war

that ended Iraq's seven-month

personalities."

"These are going to make

Kuwait's Gulf war hero.

northern leaders.

Crossing over the mountains, northern onits found themselves exposed on vast, open plains stretching south towards Aden.

They opened up two new fronts to the west and east in a bid to squeeze the port in a pincer movement with fighting now raging in a 60 kilometres to 100 kilometres sweep around the city. On Friday Mr. Saleh's men

were reported to be only 15 kilometres north of Aden, with the city firmly within range of its heavy artillery. Clashes were also going on close to Bir Nasser about 20

kilometres from Aden, where

the main drinking water supplies are piped to the port's 500,000 residents. The south said Saturday 80,000 people had been killed, wounded or made homeless by the fighting. And although there has been no independent toll, correspondents have-re-

overflowing. Away from the hattlefields rival north and south leaders have engaged in a war of

the testimony of the sole pro-

secution witness, State Secur-

ity Colonel Abdul Samad Al

Shatti, was based on assump-

The evidence, described as

circumstantial but compelling

by U.S. investigators, includes

forensic material linking the

car-bomb found in Kuwait to

two traci bombs discovered in

the Middle East during the

Gulf crisis, Western diplomatic

They said anyone looking

for a weak point in the case

ought to focus on the evident

amateurishness of the suspects

duhbed by one U.S. official as

'the gang who couldn't shoot

Asked for details of that

evidence — a large part of

which was not heard in court

the diplomatic sources said

it fell into three categories.

The first two were confessions

from two of the accused and

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themselves... we are very con-

fident that those two categories as a whole hang together." one

"While we take an agnostic

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Unheard evidence links Iraq to Bush murder plot

ported that Aden hospitals are

start peace negotiations. Even if Aden falls, diplomats in the region fear that it will not signal an end to the

tions to set up an independent Southern leaders could just retreat to the town of Mukalla, 700 kilometres further east to reioin Mr. Beidh who slipped out of Aden several weeks ago,

fighting and southern aspira-

they say. It was from Mukalla that Mr. Beidh declared the creation of the independent Yemen Democratic Republic on May 21, shattering four years of uneasy union between the former conservative North and the Marxist South.

The south has continued to set in place its new state, with the announcement on Thursday of its own government showing no signs of going back on its declaration of independ-

And despite northern threats not to become embroiled in Yemen's "internal affairs", the international community and Yemen's neighbours have grown increasingly concerned by the prolonged conflict.

A U.N. Security Council re- bloodshed."

The third category was what

he called evideoce from covert

sources. "If we hadn't had

those outside independent

sources we might not have

thought there was so much to

The type of explosives used

in the car-bomb and the type of

timing and detonation devices

were similar to those found in

two bombs linked to Iraqi in-

telligence and uncovered dur-

ing the Gulf crisis in late 1990,

A source said the homh in

the group's Toyota had three

separate detonation devices -

a remote control device, a tim-

er device and a physical switch

"Would alcohol smugglers

The United States launched

a cruise missile attack on Iraqi

intelligence headquarters in Baghdad on June 27 after

saying it had found compelling evidence Iraq was involved in the plot. At least six people were killed when some missiles

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southern rivals, have said they accept the terms of the U.N. resolution but have continued to insist on preserving Yemen's Although no country has

officially recognised the breakaway south, many Arab countries, including Saudi Arabia, have shown a certain, sympathy for the south's position maintaining that Yemen's crisis cannot be solved through

There are signs too that neighbouring countries could be dragged into the conflict with the south saying it may call on Saudi troops for help, and pleading with the Gulf Cooperation Council in a message to intervene "to save the Yemeni people, stop the fighting and put an end to the

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Iran, Syria counselling restraint in Lebanon BEIRUT (AP) - Iran and

Syria were reported Sunday trying to forestall a full-blown war between Israel and South Lebason over the deadliest Israeli air raid in a year.

Official Lebanese sources said Syria, Lebanon's main power-broker, and Iran, the patron of Shitte fundamentalism in Lebanon, advised Hizbollah to stop firing missiles on

The sources said they had no word on Hizboilah's response. But they noted that there had been no Katyusha missile strikes on northern Israel since

Friday morning.

The joint move came after the United States urged all Middle Eastern parties involved to exercise restraint and avert further threats to the

Arab-Israeli peace process.

The sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the advice was made during Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati's trip to

Damascus on Saturday. Mr. Velayati met with his Syrian counterpart Farouk Al Sharaa and then with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad. Both sides publicly declared support for Lebanon against Israel's "escalating aggression.'

But the sources said that during a meeting at the Iranian embassy in Damascus, Mr. Velayati urged restraint in talks with Hizbollah's leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah and the party's political bureau chief Sheikh Naim Kassem. Hizbollah guerrillas unleashed 60 Katyushas that crashed in northern Israel and an enclave Israel occupies as a security zone" in South Lebanon to avenge Israel's air raid Thursday on a Hizbollah training base in east Lebanon's Be-kaa Valley.

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Up to 50 people, most of them young Shiite guerrilla trainees, were killed in the air assault on the camp at Ein Kawkab near Lebanon's bor-

der with Syria. It was the highest toll from a single air raid since Israel's weeklong air, sea and artillery blitz last July in which 147 people were killed and 500

That onslaught was halted by a U.S.-brokered truce which contained an under-standing that Hizbollah would refrain from firing rockets on Israel's northern flank.

Hizbollah's Katyusha strikes Thursday and Friday caused no casualties or serious damage in Israel or the self-styled "security zone" in South Lebanon.

But Israeli government and military leaders branded the attacks a violation to the U.S.sponsored understanding, rushed tank and artillery reinforcements to the border with Lebanon and threatened severe reprisals if the missile attacks continued.

There have since been minor skirmishes between Hizbollah and Israel's South Lebanon Army surrogate militia in which three guerrillas were kil-led. But the hostilities remained within the rules of the

'King' of anti-Zionists to visit Jerusalem

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AFP) - The Holy City will witness one of the more bizarre events in Jewish life on Tuesday when huge crowds turn out to give a royal welcome to the "king" of the anti-Zionists,
"This will be the biggest

welcome in Jerusalem since King David moved his capital here from Hebron (997 B.C.)," claimed Yehuda Meshi-Zehav, one of the organisers of the visit.
Palestine Liberation Orga-

nisatioo (PLO) Chairman Yas-ser Arafat could hardly expect better if he reaches Jericho as planned io a couple of weeks. When the Rebbe Moshe Teitelbaum steps off a plane at

Ben Gurion airport the leaders of the ultra-orthodox "Satmar" community in the Holy Land will be queuing up on the tarmac to salute him. Four other charter planes will follow bringing in 2,000

believers from the United States, 350 of whom won a raffle for a seat on the rebbe's aircraft. He will be whisked to occu-

pied Jerusalem in a limousine chauffered by a millionaire New York Hasid who has shelled out a reported \$500,000 to cover all costs. The money has paid for two

other limousines, 120 more rental cars and all the trappings of a U.S. presidential visit. The rebbe will bring \$5 million in donations for his followers. according to press reports.

Bodyguards come free, thanks to beefy volunteers, as

do cans of a U.S. soft drink firm — a sort of official sponsor - which has just won back its kosher approval. As the limos ease into occupied Jerusalem they will follow

a route closed off hy police and lined by 10,000 children as they enter the orthodox area of Mea Shearim. "These are all the children

who go to our schools and do not receive a penny from the state," said Rahhi Efraim Stern, chairman of the organising committee.

The committee's programme stresses that women can watch only from their doorsteps or windows. They are allowed outside only on a certain part of one street to join the celebrations, but the motorcade will not pass there.

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A huge reception is being laid on in Sahbath Square and Mr. Stern estimated that more than 100,000 will turn out. Jerusalem's chief rabbi will give the first blessing.

The rebbe represents Ear

just the Satmar but under the umbrella of Eda Haredit - the community which trembles be-fore God — all ultra-orthodox sects which do not recognise. the state of Israel.

The Satmar, named after a town where a small Jewish community flourished in Romania, count only about 400 families in Israel.

But according to Mr. Meshi-Zehav they account for more than 30,000 families in the United States, England and Belgium making them one of the riggest and arguably the wealthiest of Hasidic groups.

"We have an empire in the United States with 50,000 religious students and a hudget of 75 million dollars, he boasted. About 15,000 of the faithful

are expected from abroad for the celebrations, Rabbi Stern said at Satmar headquarters where preparations were in full swing. Posters have been hilled and

banners strung across the roads calling for a huge turnout to mark the "royal voyage". The peculiar position of the orthodox who deny Zionism -

in the belief that the Messiah alone, not man, can resurrect Israel - does not however in the case of Satmar lead to support for the PLO.

"The PLO is an organisation of assassins," said Mr. Meshi "Our approach is to save life

and we pray for peace three times a day. The rebbe supports negotiations between

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MMAN (Petra) - His Majesty King Hussein, the Supreme Commander of the Jordan Armed Forces, Sunday called at the Thursday on a parting base in case in armed forces headquarters where he was received by Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Abdul Hafez Mirai Al Kaabneh, the chief of staff for land forces and assistants to Gen. Kaabneh. King Hussein and Gen. Kaabneh discussed issues of interest to the armed forces. His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Royal Court Chief Sharif Zeid Ben · Shaker attended part of the meeting.

Kawkab near labor with Syria It was the initial Jordan pledges to help Palestinian authority

AMMAN (Petra) - Minister of Social Development Mohammad Al Sugour on Sunday pledged his ministry's support for the Palestinian Ministry of Social Affairs. Speaking during a meeting with Intissar Al Wazir, the minister of social affairs in the Palestinian self-rule authority, Dr. Sugour said his ministry would put all its resources and capabilities at the disposal of the Palestinian ministry to enable it to perform its duties. Mrs. Wazir stressed the need for cooperation and coordination between the two ministries. Both ministers agreed to the formation of a joint committee on bilateral coordination chaired by secretarics general of both ministries. The meeting was attended by the Ministry of Social Development's Secretary General Suleiman Al Rousan and Palestinian Ambassador to Jordan Al Tayyeb Abdul Rahim.

Government holiday announced

AMMAN (Petra) — All ministries, government departments and public institutions will observe a holiday Thursday, June 9, to mark the new Hijri year, according to a communique issued Sunday by Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali.

'RJ to launch Moscow flight

AMMAN (Petra) - Royal Jordanian (RJ) will launch a weekly flight to Moscow as of June 13, according to RJ sources. The sources said an Airbus 310 will leave Amman each Monday at 1:45 p.m. and return the same day from Moscow at 9:15 p.m., Jordan local time,

Dialysis units installed

AMMAN (J.T.) - Two kidney dialysis units donated by His Majesty King Hussein in March have been installed in the Madaba and Jerash government bospitals, Health Minister Abdul Rahim Malhas announced Sunday. Dr. Malhas said the two units, costing a total of JD 60,200, are ready to offer services to kidney patients. He said the 18 kidney patients in Madaha and a similar number in Jerash district had been coming to Amman hospitals for treatment. Recently a Jordanian woman donated JD 30,000 to set up another dialysis unit and the Ministry of Health plans to install the unit at Ramtha hospital as soon as possible, and training of cadres is under way at the ministry, announced Dr. Malhas. The total number of dialysis units in Jordan is now 60, distributed in various parts of the Kingdom, added the minister.

WHAT'S GOING ON

FILMS

- ☆ Film entitled "Le Jour Le Plus Long" at the French Cultural Centre at 8:00 p.m.
- Chinese film entitled "The Chinese Spring Holiday" at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation in Jabal Amman at 7:30

POETRY RECITAL

Poetry recital by poets Hiyam Al Dardanji, Khalaf Khasawuch, Abdul Aziz Abu Gosh at the Jordan Associa-

EXHIBITIONS

- ☆ Opening of a painting exhibition by Jordanian artist Abdul Ra'uf Sham'oun at Darat Al Funun of the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation in Jabal Luweibdeh at 5:00 p.m. Also showing "permanent" exhibition of 56 Arab contemporary artists (Tel. 643251/2).
- ☆ Plastic art exhibition by artist Mohammad Al Ameri entitled "Body' at Baladna Art Gallery (Tel. 687598).
- ★ Exhibition of paintings by Fatima El-Hein at Goethe-
- ☆ Ceramics exhibition by artist Huda Qassem at the Royal Cultural Centre.
- Art exhibition of Chinese paintings at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation in Jabal Amman.
- * Photography exhibit entitled "Faces of Jordan" at the American Center.
- ☆ Exhibition by artist Isam Tantawi at Balqa Art Gallery in Fuheis (Tel. 720677).
- & Exhibition by artist Abeer Bawah at the Royal Cultural
- ☆ Exhibition of photographs of "The Living Dead Sea" by
- Paula Williams-Brown at The Gallery of the Hotel Jordan
- Exhibition by 46 artists entitled "He, Bonjour Monsieur La Fotaine" at the French Cultural Centre.

Government reappoints Nabulsi to head CBJ

Jurdan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The government has reappointed governor of the Central Bank of Jnrdan (CBJ) for another five-year term, reflecting a determination to press ahead with the present monetary policies and economic res tructuring programme of the Kingdom as well as the measures adopted to cope with the developments in the

Arab-Israeli peace process. The move ended wide spread speculatinn over the possible successor to the man who served the CBJ for two consecutive terms in the 70s and 80s before heading a major U.N. agency and thereafter joining the Arab Monetary Fund (AMF) as an advisor

Dr. Nabulsi, who is credited with rescuing the dinar following the currency's col-lapse in 1988-89 and regulating the Kingdom's banking sector, confirmed on Sunday that he had accept the

reappointment, but indicated that he might not serve the full-five year term.

Under the relevant law, CBJ governors are appointed

for five-year terms. "I would not like to use the term 'pressured,' but I could not say no to the expressed wish that I stay on the job at this particular juncture in the banking and monetary situation, although I wanted to retire hecau of health reasons," Dr. Jahulsi told the Jordan Times.

The government decision not to accept Dr. Nabulsi's request for retirement re-flected its determination not to interrupt the economic and monetary course launched in 1989 when the Kingdom faced one of its severest However, he added, ". may not serve out the full

much shorier term than the five years. Observers noted that Jordan had to confront the new

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Mohammad Said Nabulsi

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and policies that Jordan adopted to cope with the new situation, and it is unthinkable that he steps down from the job now since a lot of work remains to be done." said a close observer of the

monetary scene. The need of the day is firm, determined action while being flexible wherever needed, and Dr. Nabulsi is

Jordanian economic and

said the observer.

"These responsibilities come in addition to the course that Dr. Nabulsi set in 1989 to correct the monetary situation of the country. added the observer who declined to be named.

Dr. Nabulsi, 66, who served as CBJ governor be-tween June 1973 and July 1985, was brought back to the post in May 1989 when the economy went into a spin and the dinar plunged following Jordan's failure to meet its foreign debt obligations and the depletion of foreign exchange reserves.

Introducing a two-ner exchange system. Dr. Nabulsi stabilised the dinar's value at a mid-point and then firmed it up, reflecting the actual worth of the currency in less than 18 months by building up foreign exchange reserves through strict control mea-

 Now Jordan has a healtby foreign exchange reserve of more than \$1 billion compared with zero when Dr.

Another key task that was successfully completed by Dr. Nabulsi was streamlining the chaotic banking sector. particularly the collapse of Petra Bank which cost the treasury more than JD 200 million at a most criticial period, and addressing the problems of several other troubled banks.

Banking circles also noted that it was Dr. Nabulsi's preemptive action to bring back Jordanians' foreign currency deposits that averted massive losses for the local clients of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International

(BCCI) two years ago. Dr. Nabulsi, who secured his doctorate from Georgetown University. In Washington D.C. in 1964, served as minister of economy in 1972 and 1973.

After leaving the CBJ in 1985, he was executive secretary of the then Baghdad-based Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) until May 1989.

Amman, Moscow to stimulate trade

AMMAN (Petra) — The chambers of industry of Moscow and Amman Sunday signed a memorandum of understanding and cooperation aimed at stimulating economic and trade relations.

Head of the Amman Chamber of Industry Khaldoun Ahu Hassan said after the signing that the two sides agreed on exploring ways to launch joint industrial ventures and exchange information on organising trade fairs. Russia and Jordan will also

facilitate the missions of visiting husinesspersons from either side and help them organise seminars and conferences designed to promote trade between the two countries, he During the talks, held at the

Amman Chamber of Industry, the two sides reviewed ways to boost the volume of trade and agreed on setting up related joint committee or a husiness council, Mr. Abu Hassan said.

The head of the Russian team underfined his country's desire to set up joint invest-ment companies with Jordanian businesspersons and the exchange of industrial exper-

AMMAN (Petra) - Jordan is

still courageously and patiently facing many challenges, includ-

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Mohammad Mahdi Farhan.

The Jordan News Agency Petra, quoted the head of the team as saying that the Moscow chamber represents an area comprising 20 million people and houses 34 per cent of the Russian technological industries which earn nearly 25 per cent of the gross national product (GNP).

At the outset of the meeting, Mr. Ahu Hassan presented a briefing on Jordanian industries, Jordan's trade with Russia and prospects for investments in the two countries. Jordan has strong and grow-

ing relations with Russia in all fields and has been importing an average of \$50 million worth of Russian products annually, against \$37 million worth of Jordanian products, said Mr. Abu Hassan. "We look forward to in-

creasing the volume of trade with Russia and launching joint industrial ventures in the two countries," added Mr. Petra quoted the Amman

Chamber of Industry chief as that the two countries have been exchanging food supplies, electrical appliances, construction material, furniture timber as well as compu-Agriculture experts study

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Unemployment rates spur convening of small business promotion workshop

By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Because unemployment rates are on the increase in Near East countries, the Centre for Development Services (CDS), under the co-sponsorship of the Near East Foundation/ Jordan (NEF) and the Regional Centre on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development for the Near East (CARDNE) Sunday began a three-week workshop on the design and management of business promotion programmes within the context of local and rural development.

According to Minister of Social Development Mohammad Sqour, who opened the workshop at the Crown Hotel, promoting development in this region is a priority of all its countries.

"Most third world countries, including the Near East countries, suffer from poverty and unemployment, and these factors could be reencourage small husinesses and societies," Dr. Sqour said, addressing more than 35 participants from Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lehanon, Oman, Palestine and Sudan and non-governmental organisations (NGOs).

Dr. Sqour stressed the need for countries to avoid using outdated procedures in the fields of development and to resort to modern strategies which, he said, call for social and human security.

The minister pointed to world political and social



Speakers at the opening of a three-week workshop on the design and management of business promotion programmes Sunday address participant. On the podium from

left to right are NEF Director Curtis Rhodes, Minister of Social Development Mohammad Sqour, CARDNE Director Ainal Sahagh and NEF Deputy Director Patrick Crump (Photo by Rana Husseini)

changes, saying that such changes force us "to reexamine our standards and procedures so that our country will accomplish something instead of having an outside

hand planning our future."
CARDNE Director Amal Sabagh said there is an inemployed in the formal sector, and small businesses are a way out of the dilemma of unemployment and poverty. At the same time, she added, small businesses have a developmental effect on the local community.

Ms. Sabagh explained the objectives of the workshop and said it will be drawing on the experiences of the participants and trainees.

She told the Jordan Times that the first week will focus on local and economic development, in addition to taking the participants on field trips. During the second week.

she said, participants will concentrate on small businesses, and in the final week, they will tackle the role of financial institutions in interacting with small problems of and solutions to promoting small husinesses. Course coordinator and NEF Deputy Director Patrick Crump, who also addres-

sed the participants, said "the coordination of this course between countries in the region, ensuring that the experiences and lessons of development in each enriches the curriculum, has been a true exercise in pan-Arabism."

'Many people in the Mid-dle East feel victims of forces and events that directly touch

their lives, forces and events that are beyond their control," Mr. Crump said.

He said the course will focus on understanding how ordinary people participate in the development of their economy and their society, partienlarly through small

"As development practioners, it is our duty to help people participate in economic development, and to ensure that they participate on a just and suitable basis," Mr. Crump said.

Entitled "Business for Local Development in the Arab World," the regional training programme, which is also held in cooperation with the Ministry of Social Development, will stress active learning, and trainces will take part in field exercises and learning projects.

Sahab industries suffer water shortages ty measures at the factories

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - The Sahab Industrial City near Amman is suffering from shortages of water needed by most of the 320 industries and 12,000

workers at the complex, said Fayez Snheimat, director general of the Jordan Industrial Estates Corporation (JIEC) Sunday.

Dr. Suheimat told the Jordan Times that the Sahah

least 1,500 cubic metres of water daily, but the factories have not been receiving sufficient water via the central water networks and have had to depend on water tankers.

Industrial City requires at

He said the industrial city has water towers with a total capacity of 4,000 cubic metres, in addition to a 1,200 cubic metre tower for emergencies, especially fires. But, he said the towers are

never full.

Dr. Suheimat was commenting on a meeting with Civil Defence Department (CDD) Director Afif Al Ghoul who discussed the water supply issue with him and a group of proprietors of industrial concerns at Sahah

Sunday. He said that despite the JIEC's efforts, there seems to be no quick solution to the water shortage problem and the factories and workers have to continue depending

on private water tankers. Major General Ghoul dis cussed several issues related to providing security and other precautionary and safe-

municipal and water anthorities to make available more water to the Sahab factories. He also called on the owners of factories to install the necessary fire-fighting equipment and take other safety measures to protect individuals as well as property.

with the factory owners.

In the past year the CDD dealt with 610 emergencies at the Sahah complex, including

22 fires, said Maj. Gen.

The CDD chief urged the

Ghoul.

The CDD is ready to cooperate with the factories in organising training courses for the workers in civil defence and safety measures, Maj. Gen. Ghoul said. But, he added despite the

CDD's earlier calls, some of the factories have failed to respond to the training offer, added Maj. Gen. Ghoul.
He pointed in particular to
the dangers of leaving inflam-

able solid and liquid waste in the open and nearby the factories as one aspect of poor cooperation with the CDD.

Jordan's democratic process: searching for the road ahead development has to exist. together round the same fered as to the state of the society to discuss the back-

consultancy programmes

AMMAN (J.T.) — When Ahmad Obeidat, a former prime minister and former head of the intelligence. opened the final session of last week's conference on "Jordan's Democratic Process" he admitted that in the past he had not been a supporter of the democratic option for Jordan. But since he headed the

Royal Commission for the National Charter he had become convinced of the need for real democratic development. In this light, he expressed his helief in the need for a deepening of democracy in the country at the present time to prevent a damaging regression of the process. The frank and enlightening

comments by Mr. Obeidal were indicative of both the open tone of the conference and the political shift which Jordan has undergone in the last five years. The conference, organised

by Al Urdun Al Jadid Research Centre in cooperation with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, sought to bring together a wide variety of participants from the government, parliament, political parties and the country's civil

ground to Jordan's democratic process and its future prospects. The rationale behind the diversity of the gathering was that democracy is not solely a political phenomenon but includes all aspects of the country's civil society as well.

By commissioning some 17 papers and 15 discussants. and by attracting between 100 and 150 persons, including former prime ministers, deputies, political party leaders, journalists and social activists, to each of the six sessions over the three days. the organisers believe that the conference represented an important and unique forum for discussion of the country's political, economic and social development.

In the view of Hani Hourani, director of Al Urdun Al Jadid Research Centre, one of the important achievements of the conference was the fact that it brought together establishment figures, Islamists, leftists, centrists, conservatives, nationalists and pan-Arabists, and that these politically disparate groups sat

table and listened to each other's views on issues such as Jordan's government, parliament and judiciary in the democratic era, "women and democracy," "the media in the democratic era" and "political Islam and democracy."

NEWS ANALYSIS

The main focus of debate over the three days was whether, in light of the experiences of the various social and political participants over the last five years, Jordan's democratic process can be defined as going forward or whether il is in fact regressing. Often discussion of this issue has been shifted due to the fact that the government has contented itself with statements declaring that democracy is alive and well. whilst many opposition elements have declared it to be in decline and without a future. Over the course of the conference participants were able to think more deeply about the issue and to analyse the exact nature of the demo-

cratic process as it impacts

Inevitably, opinions dif-

on Jordanian society.

country's democracy. Many maintained that some of the laws introduced in the "democratic era," such as the election law and the press and publications law, had actually hindered democratic development. Those who advocated that

democracy is progressing tended to qualify their state-ments by pointing to Jordan's "relative democracy" in comparison with its neighbours, or to the inevitable occurance of downturns in any country's political development. One Speaker stated that the Jordanian political establishment

was stronger now than ever

before, and "democracy" is

one of its strongest cards. Thus, the speaker believed, there will not be a pull-back from democracy. Many parlicipants advanced suggestions as to how democracy can be strengthened and deepened through the passing and ammending of laws relating 10 political parties, the press, civil liberties and the electoral system. Others warned that laws alone are not enough, and that a genuine

commitment to democratie

Some participants criticised the performance of the country's political parties for their weak role since their legalisation. Whilst recognising the limitations of the political parties law, they felt that the parties had largely not deepened their social base and had failed to establish the party tradition in the coun-

try's politics. Many believed that Jordan still suffered from a weak national identity, and this, they stated, represented the core problem inhibiting the country's democratic development. This weakness. they maintained, hindered the development of coherent national parties and a stronger national polity. Most participants agreed

that continued uncertainty and concern over the eventual outcome of the peace process and Jordan's eventual regional role represented a profound obstacle to the democratic process. One participant was concerned that Jordan might "pay the price for the peace process." Another participant lamented that after five years of democracy the country is still fixated with the issue of Jordanian-Palestinian relations, whilst what the country needs is a "national programme with national goals." The conclusion of the con-

ference was a roundtable discussion involving many leading members of Jordan's political establishment, political opposition and press and social activists. Each participant in the discussion was given the opportunity to give their opinion on the state of democracy in Jordan and what they believe were the likely problems and prospects for the future. Some of the concerns they raised were: the lack of an independent press to act as the fourth power in the country; the lingering effects of martial law and the proliferation of temporary laws; and, the need for an indigenous con-

cept of democracy. What was clear from the three days of discussion was that whilst a myriad of opinions inevitably exists in the country there is a growing determination from many quarters to sit together to ensure that the democratic process is not allowed to re-

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JORDAN'S DECISION to press ahead with negotiations on the Jordanian-Israeli peace track reflects, basically, two important considerations that our country as a whole has to take into account.

The first is our sense of great disappointment that Arab coordination has not really ever materialised or bore fruit.

Right from the start of the Madrid talks in October 1991 it was clear, following the Gulf war and the damage that the war inflicted on the Arab body politic, that the minimum level of Arab consensus had been lost. All those so-called Arab coordination sessions since then have been more of a public relations stunt than real team work. What has exacerbated the problem is Israel's explicit determination to strike separate deals on each of the peace tracks. Israel's first breakthrough was with the Palestinians, which drove a big wedge between the Palestine Liberation Organisation, PLO, on the one hand, and the other parties - Jordan, Syria, Lebanon — on the other.

The second important consideration is, now that the negotiations on the Syrian-Israeli track are only awaiting a final push, inevitably carrying with them the Lebanese, Jordan cannot afford to be left behind without any real bargaining chips in its hands. That situation, so many sensible Jordanians have argued, is not in the best interests of the country. Hence the necessity of the latest step to resume the talks in Washington today and perhaps to move them later to the region for practical

Needless to say, there is nothing that should stop Jordan and Israel from settling the issue of their common border in accordance to international law embodied in the 1922 League of Nations terms of the British mandate over Palestine and Jordan. A settlement of this issue can then be turned into a crucial precedent, for Syria and Lebanon, and also the Palestinians, to follow. Nothing is more important here than for Israel to confine itself to internationally acknowledged boundaries, leaving in the process the occupied Arab territories to their rightful owners. The water issue is of course more complex. Israel has so far insisted that since water was scarce the two countries should embark on joint projects to generate new sources of water. That Jordan welcomes but only after it gets its rightful share of the joint resources.

What we hope will result from the Washington talks is concrete movement towards lasting and comprehensive peace in the region. If Jordan can get the Israelis to concede on Jordanian rights on borders and water, if it can get the Israelis to accept the principle of withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories, then those talks that are to be held in Washington tomorrow will be a major step towards achieving that peace.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

AL DUSTOUR daily commented on His Majesty King Hussein's expression of dissatisfaction with the level of coordination among Arah parties to the peace process by reiterating the Jordanian principled stand of backing the Arab Nation and the Palestinians, regardless of their own position. The King has expressed dismay at finding that the coordination was solely observed by Jordan alone, but nevertheless he said Jordan will continue to offer the Palestinian brothers all that in its power to help them achieve their objectives, said the paper. But the paper also stressed the need for the domestic front to remain strong, united and vigilant to prevent the marginalisation of the couotry. A strong internal front, added the daily, is a source of power for Jordan and the Palestinians who continue to count on Jordan for much of their needs. By reiterating Jordan's commitment to the peace process, the King has at the same time demanded closer coordination on the part of the Arab parties so that a peaceful settlement can be comprehensive, lasting and just, said the daily.

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A COLUMNIST in Al Rasi expressed regret that the fighting Yemen continues unabated despite the lapse of three days fallowing U.N. Security Council Resolution 924 which calls for a gasetire. Mahmoud Rimawi said that there was urgent need a generative was mond kimawi said that there was digent need the world community to interfere and stop the fighting and ent a devastation of Aden and the loss of further oumbers innoceot lives. The writer said that the council's resolution had demanded that the unity of Yemen be safeguarded but failed to call for the withdrawal of northern forces from areas in the South. This could have meant an encouragement to the northerners to carry on the fight against the South. He said the northern leaders should have positively responded to the ceasefire call and stopped the fighting to prevent further destruction and more loss of life, although they seem to have the upper hand in the conflict. The writer said there is soll time to end the fighting and to opt for dialogue, and the leaders in Sanaa should take the initiative in this respect.

Human Rights File

Jordan should take seriously its meeting with

LAST MARCH, Jordan missed a date with the Human Rights Committee (HRC) to submit its third periodic report on the extent of its adherence to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR). The HRC is a quasi-judicial organ mandated by the international community to momitor the degree of states' abidance by the provisions of the ICCPR in their domestic legislations and practices. The absence of the Jordanian delegation was shocking to the 18-member human rights panel but was tolerated on the basis that the Kingdom will take more seriously its treaty obligations under the ICCPR when the new date for its report submission falls in July. As a member of this international buman rights body, I respectfully propose that our authorities keep the following points in mind when they reenters the arena of the HRC this summer:

The Jordanian delegation must include highly senior officials who are well-versed with the local scene from a legislative and practices perspectives. In other words, the delegation must be a multiple team with no less than three principal personalities aided by no less than two assistants. The reason why such a big delegation would be necessary is because the probing into Jordan's domestic situation will be so varied that no one official can be expected to deal with successfully on his own. In this context, it is always recommended that the delegation include a woman.

Diplomats are not usually takeo seriously in such confronta-tions because they are seldom privy to the nitty-gritty of human rights issues at the local scene and also because they are usually viewed as mouthpieces of the official line. Any diplomat designated as a member of the delegation must be confined to a secondary function, leaving the pivotal roles to senior officials from the Judiciary, Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Justice.

The second advice that I submit in this direction is never to take the defeasive position that all is perfect in Jurden when it comes to the application of international human rights standards. There is hardly a country that can rightfully claim to enjoy a perfect human rights record. The credibility of the delegation would be compromised by any such posture. Instead, the delegation must remain honest and candid in pointing out the difficulties that prevent the full implementation of the articles of the ICCPR.

We should also take note of the views and final comments of the members of the buman rights body and promise to try to take them into consideration as soon as possible. The ICCPR makes it compulsory on all state parties to put into immediate effect all the provisions of the ICCPR, either by directly incorporating them into the national legislations of by amending the laws, including the organic ones, in order to comply with the standards of the human rights treaty. That is why one of the questions often posed during the examination of state reports is whether the courts of the land apply the provisions of the ICCPR and what would happen if there is a conflict between the ICCPR and the local laws, including the constitution. We must be prepared to respond to such a line of questioning because it will surely take place. The following could be a sample of the inquiries that could be raised during the "interrogation" of the Jordanian delegation:

1- The status of the ICCPR within the domestic laws of the country could be the first concern of the committee members. What the members would want to know is whether the ICCPR is part of the organic law of the country and whether it can be directly invoked in a Jordanian court of law. Where there are still discrepancies between Jordanian law and the articles of the covenant, the members would want to be assured that the covenant enjoys a priority treatment.

2- Sex discrimination will surely figure high on the list of probes to be expected from the members. Many would want to know how women are treated in Jordanian society. Judging by previous expressed concerns, many would probe into the so-called crimes committed in the same of family honour and what the government is doing about it. Others would demand information on the inheritance laws and how they may apply

equally to men and women. Marriage related issues would also be raised with a view to ascertaining the extent of legal protection to wives wheo marriage breaks down.

3- Minority rights in the Kingdom can also be expected to be addressed. How the various Christian, commonities enjoy their freedom of worship can be expected to be touched upon. Equality between Muslims and Christians, the fate of the Bahai commonity and the treatment accorded to it would also be the subject of investigation.

4- The death penalty will attract attention for sure in view of the fact that the greater majority of the experts sitting on the bench of the committee are "abolitionists." The number of Jordanians who were executed over the past few years will be the subject of observations from many such buman rights experts. The Jordanian delegation must not feel intimidated in this context because the ICCPR, the gospel of the HRC, does not rule out the capital punishment.

5- The democratisation process in the country will be praised for sure. Yet many would want to appraise the depth and extent of the process. How electoral districts are drawn could be a cause of concern to some members of the panel. Parliamentary immunity may also be discussed.

6- Labour related issues touching on the right to organise labour unions and call for a strike would be of interest to a limited number of the committee members.

For sure, there would be other unexpected probes. If its is true that some Jordanian and non-Jordanian non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are preparing files to assist the committee members in their investigation of the Jordanian

scene, then the sky is the limit as to what we can anticipate.

The committee will expect the Jordanian government to act
upon the recommendations that it will send with the delegation. Since the HRC acts as a quasi-judicial organ that interprets the provisions of the international covenant, its sions have the weight of has in the international human rights law. I strongly urge the government to take very seriously its next round of dialogue with the HRC.



Letter from Qurna

Saddam can hardly be blamed for wanting to make the marshes safe

By Tim Liewellyn

THE 300-mile drive south east to the heart of the Marshes from Baghdad - compulsory io these "no-fly" days
— takes us across the wide, sandy flatlands of history. Past Kut Al-Amara, where a British army was cut down by the Ottomans in 1916, retreating from an ill-conceived assault on Baghdad; past, visible to the east, in Iranian Lurisan, the mountains that dominate the frontier with Iran; in between all the way. Iran; in between, all the way, the two great rivers of Mesopotamia, the Tigris and the Euphrates. And on to Qurna and the site, according to some, of the Garden of Eden.

It is a sad drive these days. The Iraqis are without hope or prospects, well into their fourth year of a debilitating oil embargo and trade sanc-tions, an endless punishment, it seems for a dreadful mistake made by a leader they did not choose and have no control over. In Baghdad, the wearying pressure is palpable in the tatty villages, the bel-ching black smoke from the brick factories, the dejected figures silhouetted against the great sky and the lines of date palms, the beaten-up trucks and cars. Such is inflation that the only place we see a five-dinar note these days (worth more than \$16 in July 1990) is in the fists of lorry-drivers buying glasses of sweet tea at roadside halts. Two hundred dinars buys us a meal for two. The people that serve it could never afford it, yet in American money it is 90 cents.

At Qurna, a few miles from the Iranian border, about half way between Amara and Basra, on the edge of the Huwaiza Marsh, we wait to

sniff the tension and test the heightened security that must be evideot in an area where, Western politicians, newspapers and TV documentaries assure us, mass murders of the Marsh Arabs, the ancient "Madan", are taking place. Iraqi President Sad-dam Hussein, we are assured, is calling yet another recalcit-rant ethnic group.

Strangely, all seems calm, everyone seems happy. It is true the cheerleaders are from the Ba'th Party, but that musky aura of death and fear is not in the air. Dare I say it, these Madan actually like being modernised. A burgeoning drainage and

I his phenomenal water endeavour is not new. The Marshes' drainage was planned in the 1950s, started in the 1970s and written about with tentative approval by Gavin Young. The siger's protege, in 1976. It is quite ludicrous to suppose that such a complex project has been designed simply to exterminate

an ancient people. I am well aware on my trip that I am being shown what the Iraqis wish me to see, that a violent struggle is going on at the centre of this longtested border area which I will be kept clear of, and that a tyrant like Saddam Hussein would have no compunction

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irrigation scheme bas brought a man-made river sweeping south east, canals shooting off from it, other similar projects under way or planned. The Marsh Arabs can still live near the water, but out of it now, with electricity, clinics, financial help, govern-ment food rations and clean water to drink, the land washed clear of sait and re-claimed for wheat, barley and rice. They keep their reeds, their hunting, their water buffalo and way of life, and — yes — it has to be said, they are more manageably arranged for Mr. Saddam's supervision. Progress disci-

about slaughtering anyone who stood in his way. But the tales of genocide, chemical weapons and mass slaughter are exaggerated, a complex story simplified by lack of knowledge and partisan jour-nalism. The routine Western version of the Marshes story is usually gathered on the Iranian side, under Iranian supervision, with the help of Iraqi opposition groups nourished, supported by and housed in Iran. In this atmosphere of campaign and confusion, the truth about the Marsh Arabs is lost.

"Is it a crime that we want to develop people, hring them out of the Dark Ages. fare and build op our own foodstocks?" a former Iraqi ambassador had asked me in In a mudif, a meeting-

house about 40 feet long and 15 feet high, built in a Gothic arcb from tightly woven reeds, the twin portraits of the Shiite Muslim martyr Ali and the ubiquitous Saddam Hussein stare approvingly down. Everyone is delighted at the new life. No one will admit to being unhappy at moving from inside the disease-ridden swamps to dry lands. And the Marsh Arabs of the Qurna region keep emphasising the menace that, for them, lurks in and beyond the Marshes: criminals, dissidents, deserters, Iraoian gunmen and Iraqi trouble-

The Marshes were ever the route for marauding Persians, the hideaways for Iraq's enemies, outlaws and bandits. The Iranians came again and again between 1980 and 1988, nearly but never quite to Basra, Amara, Qurna; and then again, three years ago, the Marshes were the nassageway for invading Iranian and exiled Iraqi gunmen, in support of the rebellion against Saddam, and the Marshes were their escape routes and their sanctuary they remain so — when that revolt was crushed.

Mr. Hussein may be an international pariah and regional menace, but he can hardly be blamed for wanting to make the Marshes safe. Or, for that matter, produc-

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Japan's right erupts into violence

By Eric Talmadge The Associated Press

TOKYO — Pushed into a corner hy police crackdowns, Japan's right-wing fringe is increasingly turning to violence as it seeks a place in the post-cold war world.

In April, extremists brandisbing dynamite and a Samurai sword forced their way into a newspaper office and took hostages. Earlier this week, a man linked to rightists fired a gun near a former prime minister.

"We must not forget that before the war the activities of right-wing terrorists stifled free debate and huried democracy," warned the Nihon Keizai Shimbun, a leading newspaper, in an editoria

"We must clip political terrorism before it can sprout." As the editorial went to print, police in Tokyo were searching the headquarters of the Shokonjuku, or true Spirit Association. The rightist group is linked to Masakatsu Nozoe, 52, who fired a pistol near former prime minister Moribiro Hosokawa

Monday.
The attacker fired one shot into the ceiling of a hotel lobhy as Mr. Hosokawa prepared to leave. No one was

Police say Mr. Nozoe may have been motivated by anger over an apology Mr. Hosokawa offered to Japan's Asian neighbours for World War II Hajime Ishii, head of the government's national public safety commission. responded on the day after the attack by vowing to "crack down on this inexcusable increase in violence."

Mr. Hosokawa's remarks. made soon after he took office last year, won international praise. But such apologies rankle the right-wing, which claims Japan was trying to liberate Asia from Western colonialism and has nothing to atone for.

Rightists were outraged again last month, when a cabinet minister and former army chief of staff was forced to resign for saying the "rape of Nanking." China's war-time capital. by Japanese troops, was a hoax.

Historians believe as many as 300,000 people died in the 1937 invasion.

Though divided into hundreds of often tiny, rival groups. Japan's ultrana-tionalist rightists generally share a reverence for the emperor and a belief there are about 100,000 rightists nationwide.
Until Monday's shooting, rightist IRE had been mostly

focused on the media — par-ticularly the liberal-leaning Asahi newspaper. In April alone, rightists

seized Asahi executives as hostages, attacked its head-quarters with a firebomb and drove a truck throguh the from window of one of its regional offices.

Editors at the Asahi insist the rightst threat hasn't affected their news decisions. But a latent fear of nightists lingering from prewar days is never far below the surface in

One of Asahi's former

palace reporters, Tsutomu Ishii. says Japan's major media are particularly careful when reporting on the imperial family, both out of respect and out of a fear of

rightist reprisals. Two senior foreign ministry officials, speaking on condition they not be further identified, said fear of the fringe also influenced a government decision to drop a visit to Pearl Harbour from Emperor Akibito's trip to the United States later this month

Rightists have a long bistory of attacking presumed opponents.

'Right-wing orgainisations, nurtured by the government in the years leading up to World War II. continued to receive tacit support after the war because they counterbalanced a once powerful leftist movement."

One Asahi reporter was shot to death hy suspected rightists in 1987, and Nagasaki Mayot Hitoshi Motoshima was shot in the chest in 1990 after he said the late Emperor Hirohito shared responsibility for World War II. All told, five former prime ministers have been attacked by rightists in the past 40 years.

But according to a leader of one influential right-wing group, recent outbursts are less a reflection of political outrage than of a gradual weakening of the radical right's influence in Japan. For many right-wing groups, the bigger question right now is survival," says Mitsuhiro Kimura, secretary-

general of the Issui-Kai. Right-wing organisations, nurtured by the government in the years leading up to World Wat II, continued to receive tacit support after the war because they counterba-lanced a once powerful leftist

But with the collapse of Communism. Mr. Kumura said, that function has become obsolete and police have intensified pressure on the right over the past two years.

The right has lost its claim to political integrity because its ranks are thoroughly infused with thugs whose main goal is to extort money from image-conscious corporations and mainstream politicians.

Most rightist groups maintain military-style trucks equipped with powerful loudspeakers — a tool they can use to build up their recognition among the public or to embarrass targets who refuse to cough up funds. Deafening rightist caravans

are a common sight in most Japanese cities.

"None of this helps our cause." Mr. Kimura said.
"Only about 40 per cent of the people claiming to be rightists are serious about it. The rest are in it for the

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SOUTHWICK - In the cramped bar of a 17th century rural English pub, generals Dwight D. Eisenhower and Bernard Montgomery planned the greatest invasion in the history of warfare over beer

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As the D-Day push to drive the German from France on ome member of so be discussed ing on the right. June 6, 1944, drew near, the two generals sometimes ventured out from a mansion in the village of Southwick in southern England where they were plotting their momentous strategy.

"They would come late in the morning and Ike would have a beer and Monty, who was a teetotalier, a lemonade," said retired barmaid Edwins Williams, who served them. "Ike was always friendly but I found General Montgomery a bit cold," added Ms. Williams, w in the intensity who is now 84.

In a quiet corner of the "Golden Lion" they would spread out maps and documents on a table and engage in lengthy discussions, out of earshot of their aides and pub regulars, about the plans which would alter the course of World War II.

'Eisenhower bked his pint of home-drew beer and was always quick with a smile," Ms. Williams said in an interview. "But it's quite something to think then were putting together the last pieces of the

jigsaw right bere in the pub." One day Ms. Williams told Gen. Montgomery, known for his brilliant mind but prickly character, that a German parachute bomb had dropped unexploded near her home. The next day he presented her with the silk parachute and its blue

"I made a pair of camiknickers (underwear) out of them tough I never could have told

bim," she said. Villagers were unaware that Gen. Eisenhower was agonising about when to unleash the might of the allied armies on Germany which led him to say disctions E just before the landings: "I am quite positive we must give the in the years - it is."

Ken Carter, a local official. said: "Everyone knew who Montgomery was because of his successes in the (African) desert campaign. People just saw Ike as another American general not the man about to

make that historie decision." Meetings of the allied commanders took place in Southwick House, an imposing white Georgian mansion with columns, high ceilings and chandeliers where a huge wall map was installed in one room.

Such was the secrecy that workers who put the map were kept under guard at the house until the invasion ended. A map of the entire French coast was ordered to prevent leaks about the landings and most panels were discarded to focus on Normandy.

Eisenhower lived in a trailer in the woods close to the house, reading Westerns in his spare time. Most villagers knew that be bad a close relationship with his female driver. Gen. Montgomery lived frugally in a nearby house.

D-Day was originally June 5. but Gen. Eisenhower at 04.15 a.m. on June 4 received forecasts of heavy seas, poor visibility and low cloud over Normandy and made the crucial decision to stop the massive war machine for 24 hours.

In an oak-panelled room which bas been Southwick House's bbrary the leaders met that evening to hear the weather was improving and on June as dawn broke Gen. Eisenhower started operation "overlord" saying: "OK, let's

The commanders sitting in easy chairs had not been unanimous about launching D-Day on June 6. Air Chief Marshal Leigh Mallory was pessimistic, Air Chief Marshal Tedder believed it would be risky but Gen. Montgomery told Gen.

Eisenhower: "I would say go."
Despite doubts the U.S. general strode out of the meeting 'ooziog confidence,''
Raymond Goddard, then a 24year-old Royal Marine guard at the house, told Reuters. "Everyone knew we were on a winner. There was no thought of losing," he said.

PLO says no cash for self-rule

(Continued from page 1) a horrible disregard for people's minimum needs as the Israelis have done," Dr.

Sbaath said.
"One needed to really picture Gaza the day the Israelis bave left it. If it is a garbage dump it is exactly what the Israelis have meant it to be. They charged it taxes to the brim and paid very little of these taxes in the services ren-

dered to Gaza." Asked if Arab Gulf countries, who were angered by the PLO's support to Iraq during the 1990 invasion of Kuwait, would pour in aid, Dr. Shaath "We need Arab support but the Arabs did not create the catastrophe of Gaza."

Israeli spokesman Dromi acknowledged the infrastructure was of a low standard, especially in Gaza. But he said "Israel has raised its level dramatically" since seizing the occupied territories in 1967.

On Saturday Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres urged Arafat to act to secure funds by making clear to donors how the money would be spent. Mr. Peres said Mr. Arafat should not act as though he were entitled to the money.

Group to counter land 'concessions'

(Continued from page 1) dovish camp headed hy Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and his deputy Yossi Beilin, both outspoken in favour of ceding

The movement has emerged from dissatisfaction at the ineffectiveness of the Likud leadership to rally public support against what is seen as a surtender to the Palestinians and from a growing mood on the Labour right that autonomy will lead inexorably to a Palestinian state.

More than a dozen Labour

and Likud parliamentarians, including ex-Justice Minister Dan Meridor, met secretly last

The organisers said that the movement would work in a first stage as a pressure group focusing on security concerns. The Third Way has been

encouraged by a recent opin-ion poll which found 63 per cent of Israelis opposed to further negotiations between Israel and the PLO to extend autonomy from Gaza and Jericho into heavily-populated issue of refugees bas been left out of the Washington talks." areas of the West Bank.

Violence continues in occupied lands

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Palestinians have killed about 1,000 fellow Palestinians during the intifada which crapted in December 1987. The Israeli army says most were oot collaborators as claimed hut criminals, prostitutes or vendetta victims.

Settlers block road

The latest confrontation between Jewish settlers and Palestinians in Jerieho erupted Sunday over who could fly

what flag where. About 15 Jewish settlers, ingered when Palestinian police banned them from driving through the autonomous town of Jericho with Israeli flags, set up their own roadblock outside of town forbidding

Palestinians from doing the same in an Israeli-held part of

the West Bank. They waved down Palestinian cars on the main northsouth highway and confiscated any green, red, black and white Palestinian flags or pictures of Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat, settlers said.

Israeli police moved in and, after a brief scuffle with the settlers, dispersed them and reopened the road.

The incident was one in a series of confrontations involving the Jewish settlers since the Palestinians began self-rule in Jericho last month.

Sunday's action came after the Palestinian police banned an Israeli car sporting the Israeli flag from driving through Jericho on Friday.

Majali briefs Parliament

(Continued from page 1) saying these relations were significantly special because of the similarity of positions on the Arab-Israeli peace process.

According to Mr. Masri, the prime minister also renewed Jordan's call for a ceasefire in strife-turn Yemen and the Kingdom's policy of noninterference in its internal affairs or supporting any of the warring parties against the

Dr. Majali also denied statements hy southern Yemeni leader Salem Ali Al Beidh that Jordan had offered assistance to northern Yemeni forces and "expressed regret over such unjust accusations against Jordan by Mr. Beidh, who had anthorised His Majesty the King to take the necessary measures to preserve Yemen's

unity," according to Mr. Mas-ri. The speaker quoted Dr. Majali as saying that Jordan had only transported Jordanian and non-Jordanian nationals out of Yemen on bumanitarian grounds.

He said that the prime minister briefed the deputies on developments in the Jordanian-Israeli peace talks and the meeting to be held between the two parties Monday in Washington. On the domestic front, said

Mr. Masni, the deputies tack-

led several issues, including public freedoms which will be discussed in other meetings. The prime minister stressed to the deputies that appointments in ministries and government departments are con-

ducted without any personal

considerations.

Economy doing well this year

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military personnel and the pensioners, employees excelling in their performance would be granted other allowances depending on the degree of their progress and their production.

Mr. Gammoh also said that the government decided to review the employees' salary scale at the start of July each year with a view to introducing increases as far as financial means allows. Mr. Gammoh said the eco-

nomy was moving ahead "with firm strides towards further growth and stability." Economic indicators in the first few months of this year point to continuing economic growth in various sectors of production and service despite the "wait-and-see situation" in view of the prevailing circumstances in the region, Mr. Gam-

moh said. "We hope to see all Jordan's economic objectives achieved with the completion of the economie restructuring programme agreed on with the International Monetary Fund (IMF)," the minister said, adding that the accomplishments of the past two years had exceeded expectations.

Mr. Gammob said that exports rose from JD 213 million in the first four months of 1993 to JD 292 million in the first quarter of this year and imports declined from JD 697 million in the first four months of 1993 to JD 644 million in the same period of 1994. The deficit in the fiscal

budget has narrowed from JD

69 million to JD 21.7 million in the first four months of this year, largely due to a decline in expenditure and a rise in re-

venues, the minister said. Mr. Gammoh said that an upsurge in the construction business provides another indicator of the improvement of the general economic situa-

In the first four months of last year 2,889 building licences were issued against 4,232 in the same period of this year while the area built during this period this year amounted to nearly a million square metres, up from 635,000 square metres in the same period of last year, the minister

Mr. Gammoh noted that initial issues in Amman Financial Market (AFM) in the first four months of 1994 amounted to JD 79.2 million compared to JD 48.1 million in the same period of 1993.

Mr. Gammoh said the government expects Jordan to achieve a 5.5 per cent growth at current fixed prices in the gross domestic product (GDP). Inflation, he said, is expected at five per cent. A reduction in the fiscal budget by 6.4 per cent over the 1993 figures is also expected.

A reduction in the budget deficit from 6.4 per cent of the gross domestic product in 1993 to 5.4 per cent this year is also expected, Mr. Gammoh said.

The government expects a reduction of the deficit in the current balance of payments from JD 648 million in 1993 to JD 546 million this year, be

on Saturday reiterated Jor-dan's commitment to a com-

prehensive solution to the

peace process and pledged continued support for the

But King Hussein said:

"We bave to look after

ourselves so that we do not

become the weak and the

marginalised link (in the

peace talks) as this could

wreak catastrophic disasters

A senior Jordanian official

was quoted on Sunday as

saying Jordan will implement

any agreement with Israel on

the borders issue before

reaching a peace accord in

what was seen as another sign

that progress will be made

during the negotiations start-ing Monday.

AFP quoted an unidenti-fied official as saying that the

Kingdom was determined to

recover its occupied land

from Israel and will sign a

bilateral agreement on this

issue before reaching a peace

King Hussein and Prime

Minister Abdul Salam Majali

have said the Kingdom would

implement agreements it

reaches with Israel on specific

issues before signing a peace

treaty which they emphasised

would be part of a compre-hensive solution to the Arab-

Israeli conflict.

accord.

on us and on the region."

Palestinians.

Jordan seen confident

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progress, the sources said. The former minister said the complexity of the re-fogues issue and the difficulty expected to accompany any attempts to solve it would make it a stumbling bloc in the face of any progress.
"Jordan and Israel could not have made headway in their talks if the refugees problem was part of the talks, espe-cially that other parties will bave to be involved in any agreement on it."

However, he added, the "great omission" of the refugees problem from the talks could jeopardise the chances for a successful solution to it because Israel might refuse to make the necessary eoneession once it bas reached agreements on other

But Israel and the PLO agreed in Oslo that the status of displaced persons from the 1967 war would be discussed by a special committee which would include representatives from Jordan, the PLO, Israel and Egypt, the source close to the negotiations said. "That is why perhaps the

The Israeli and Palestinian sides had also agreed that the issue of 1948 refugees will not be discussed before the beginning of the final status negotiations no later than three years after the implementation of the Gaza-Jericho deal. No date has been set yet for the meeting of the committee.

The former official said that with the expected progress, Jordan will enter a new era in the talk and will arrange its situation accord-

ing to it. His Majesty King bussein

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UNDP urges family planning to mark World Environment Day

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Amid the fast pace of technological advances in the world, enough attention should be given to addressing the needs of the growing the number of families in distress, the United Nations said Sunday marking "World Environment Day.

In a statement issued on the occasion, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Administration James G. Speth underlined the inseparable links binding poverty, environment and population and called for increased efforts at family planning throughout the world.

Poverty can lead to environmental degradation as poor people often rely on already degraded resources," said the statement, a copy of which was made available to the Jordan Times. "Completing the vicious circle, environmental degradation often increases poverty since, as resources become depited, ecological cycles collapse and living conditions degenerate marked," it said.

Noting that the UNDP had aptly adopted "one family, one earth" as the theme for this year's World Environment Day and the year 1994 itself has been designated as the Year of the Family, Mr. Speth

(Continued from page 1) competition, said the sources.

vices.

In addition, the sources said, the ministry is planning to implement this reclassifica-PRITE to it the Kingdom's hotels in the

tourism in Jordan was facing three main problems despite the fact that tourism revenues accounted for five per cent of the national revenues in 1993. Nazih Dabbas, head of the national team, told the Jordan News Agency, Petra, that Jordan's tourism lacks appropriate touristic services, a shortage of trained personnel and a lack of measures for developing domestic tourism.

Calling for a more active role for the private sector to stimulate tourism in Jordan, Dr. Dabbas said that in the light of regional political de-velopments and with the prospects of peace more efforts will be needed to attract tourists to Jordan, Indeed, the touristic attractions in "Jordan and Palestine complement each other and the two areas are expected to be flooded by large numbers of tourists from the United States, Japan and Europe once stability and security have been established," he

He identified the areas that need urgent development as the Jordan Valley, the Dead

up from JD314.3 million in 1992, and the development of touristie sites and services should earn the country even more in the coming years, he highlighted the challenges the world faces with the increasing population and the subsequent demands for basic education, health care and jobs.

"During the past decades, the number of families in our world increased dramatically and experts predict that this will be the tend will into the next century," Mr. Speth said. Noting that the present

population of the world stands around 5.5 billion and is projected to reach 10 billion by the year 2050, the UNDP administrator said among the challenges facing the world was how to "create conditions that will eliminate poverty and belp to stabilise family. Following are major ex-

cerpts from the statement: While the number of famities is increasing, the situation of ouclear and extended families is deteriorating. Throughout the world single parent families are on the rise. Traditional family security is breaking down as families are increasingly threatened hy crime, drugs, cultural collapse

In this year of the Family we need to red-double our efforts at family planning. We must aim to give people choices and incentives to have smaller families, and for the long term, create fewer fami-lies overall. We must find ways to both reduce unplanned future population growth and depopulation growth and devise programmes and policies that mise the effect of current and foreseen growth.

To strengthen the family,

as well as society as a whole, we need sustainable buman development. Sustainable human development is the kind of development that meets people's basic needs for jobs, basic education and health care; that regenerates the environment rather than destroying it; and that empowers people to have a say in the decisions affecting their lives rather than margina-

lising them.

"Sustainable baman development recognises the complex links between the weilbeing of individuals, families, communities and ecosystem on the one hand and the health and prosperity of nations on the other. It recognises the role of women in society, and in turn the effect that role has on the environment.

In most societies, women are at the core of the family, responsible for family health care, nutrition, child care, and, often, for family food suply, water and energy. So women's education and training are crucial. Efforts must be made to raise female bterarcy, improve women's skills in agriculture, environmental management and health and reproductive care. As female literarcy goes

and maternal mortality rates decrease, and the population as a whole becomes better nourished and healthier.

"But men deserve our attention too. UNDP is striving to understand the culturally variable social relationships between men and women and the specifie roles, responsibilities and expectations society assigns to each. Our "gender in development" approach to sustainable human development emphasizes the imortance of understanding the diverse and complex roles of both genders within households.'

"Finally, we must not overlook the role of children - as both beneficiaries and agents of sustainable human development. In many communities, the title of "family" is only bestowed once children are born. While parents can mould their children's values and views, children can and do play important roles in helpiog to educate their parents. Children accept new ideas, such as concepts about environmental protection, and they bring these ideas home. Therefore, environmental education programmes directed at youth must be increased. Sustainable buman development concepts must find their way into all subjects, levels and styles of education — formal or nonformal, distant or direct."

Aqaba hotels downgraded

A Tourism Ministry official

"We have had justifiable complaints from citizens, and foreigners concerning the poor services at these hotels, as well as the outrageous prices they charge for their non-existent facilities," said the official, adding that he hoped that Dr. Adwan's decision would receive positive feedback from the botel proprietors and would serve as an incentive for them to reduce their prices and improve their facilities and ser-

Another senior official said

Sea and Aqaba. Last year, Jordan earned JD390 million from tourism,

GCC implies recognition of split Yemen years, they only have to recog-

Ghaleb Ali Jamil.

alse the secession."

Earlier Sunday, Sanaa said the ceasefire ordered by the

Security Council was put on

hold because of Saudi Arabia's

reported warning of interven-

tion in its war-wracked neigh-

Prince Saud Al Faisal,

Sandi's foreign minister, was quoted Sunday by

government-owned Arab news

agencies as saying the GCC may act to end the war in

Gulf region with grave con-sequences. The GCC countries

will find it necessary to take

action toward this situation,"

Prince Saud was quoted as

telling GCC foreign ministers

The Security Council resolu

tion called for an immediate

ceasefire between northern

and southern Yemeni forces.

The resolution was sponsored

by Saudi Arabia and other

Prince Saud's statement

has created a problem in

adhering to the resolution,'

said Abdul Karim Al Eryani,

Yemen's planning minister and

close adviser to Mr. Saleb.

"It's not an implied threat,

meeting Saturday.

"This conflict threatens the

(Continued from page 1) "Unity can never be imposed by military means," the GCC said at the end of the

meeting in Abha. The ministers warned the GCC would "adopt adequate steps towards the party which does not respect the ceasefire" as the war could also have disastrous consequences" for

their own countries. The warning, together with the implicit recognition of the breakaway state, added to the political pressure on Sanaa to lay down its weapons.

Only Qatar voiced reservations on the statement issued by its GCC partners - Saudi Arabia, Knwait, Babrain, Oman and the United Arab Emirates.

"This position will lead to an. escalation in the Yemen crisis and will not be in the interests of its stability," a Qatari delegate said, after Foreign Minister Sheikh Hamad Ben Jaber Al Thani flew home early "because of illness.'

Southern leader Ali Salem Al Beidh declared the YDR on May 21, two weeks after the outbreak of the north-south civil war, but it has so far failed to secure formal recognition from any country.

Mr. Beidh called Sunday for the GCC to adopt a firm stand because the war "threatens the stability and interests of the states" of the Arabian Penin-

Qatar is the only Galf monarchy to have publicly denounced the declaration of independence, while Sandi Arabia has denied Sanaa's accusations that it has backed the south in the war.

Riyadh was the main sponsor of the ceasefire resolution adopted last Wednesday by the U.N. Security Council. It made no direct reference to Yemen's unity. Saudi King Fahd urged both

sides on Saturday to implement the U.N. call, but Sanaa has argued the conflict should never have been brought before the United Nations because it was an internal affair. Yemen's amhassador to Saudi Arabia, a northerner,

has warned that the war would drag on if the international community recognised the breakaway state. "If the Arabs and the world want Yemenis to continue

slaughtering each other for 100

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but an open threat," he told the Associated Press. "Now, they seem to imply that they have other means to put an end to the fighting."

Mr. Eryani claimed that the northern-based government, which has resisted outside mediation of the conflict, had been on the verge of announcing acceptance of the U.N. resolution in a letter to U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali.

"But now it's being put on hold, until we see what Faisal really means," he said, refusing to elaborate on the government's interpretation of the Saudi warning.

The north is highly suspi-cious of Saudi Arabia's intentions given Riyadh's historie opposition to Yemeni unity and numerous attempts over the years to thwart it by arming

The 1990 merger of north and South Yemen, shattered by the current civil war, establisbed the Arab World's youngest democracy. It was believed to have come about despite resistance by Saudi Arabia, which apparently saw a unified, democratie Yemen as a threat to its own autocratic rule and traditional domina-

Jordan denies Beidh's charge

The Kingdom has repeatedly reaffirmed its neutrality on the conflict but said it supports the unity of Yemen and its "legitimate govern-

His Majesty King Hussein said during the early days of the war that the Kingdom will not mediate in the conflict unless its role was agreed to by both parties to it. He expressed readiness to extend bumanitarian support for Ye-

In their separate remarks,

Mr. Beidh and Mr. Attas also accused frag of sending weapons to Sanaa, whose war with Aden has produced no decisive military victory for

tion of the region.

either side in over four weeks of fierce fighting. Northern leaders have accused Gulf Arab states of fuelling the war in a bid to prevent the creation of a strong Yemeni republic on their borders and as a punishment for Sanaa's rejection of the Gulf war that drove Iraqi forces out of Kuwait in 1991.

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ASEAN to propose Dinking trade, labour Tights at ILO confab

East Asia's hooming and normal are to sponsor a resisting Western to link trade with tictur standards at upcoming meeting, said Sunday.

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annual International Lahour Organisation (ILO) conferends on June 7-24 would be tables by ivialaysia on behalf of in Association of South East Asian Plations (ASEAN), the official said, requesting anony-

Findes Malaysia, ASEAN comprises Brunei, Indonesia, e Fillippines, Singapore and

Lebour officials said the resolution was expected to meet carry opposition from trade unicar, including those from dereit ping countries.
The ILO meeting would

samprise delegates representing governments, emoloyers not trade unions from 164

"We want to continue debate on the issue from where it ended in Marrakesh," the ASEAN official said, adding that the resolution would also ask the ILO "to review some of its labour standards which are not based on norms and values of developing coun-

The official did not say which of the ILO standards were being objected to by ASEAN.

At a General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade (GATT) ministerial meeting in Marrakesh, iviorocco, developing nations strong attacked an attempt — led by the United States and France — to include labour rights in the new World Trade Organisation (WTO).

While some analysts saw the bid as a strong weapon to help poorly paid workers and stop forced and child labour in Third World countries, many developing nations said it was a disguised form of protection-

ism.
The Marrakesb meeting agreed, however, that the issue of labour standards of social claures spelling out workers' rights could be raised at a preparatory panel to launch the WTO, which is to replace GATT on Jan. 1.

Malaysian government officials said they were made to understand that the powerful Brussels-based International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU) would oppose the ASEAN-sponsored

resolution. The 1CFTU was expected to instead urge the ILO to set up a mechanism to "do the leg work" on possible labour violations for the WTO preparatory committee, the officials said, adding that many trade unions in developing countries could also back the 1CFTU.

They said the resolution would be based on an "understanding" achieved hy ASEAN labour ministers in Singapore in May which "decided to urge the ILO to strongly resist attempts to introduce new conditions linking social clauses and ILO labour standards with market accessibility."

ILO standards provide specific safeguards for the protection of workers' rights, including nnionisation, safety requirements and basic wages. Countries found not com-

\$101.7 billion, followed by \$84.8 hillion for Germany, the plying with ILO provisions are listed in an annual ILO panel ministry said. It added that Taiwan also had \$84.8 billion at the end of report used by international organisations to apply economic pressure on offenders, offi-January, compared with the March figure of \$78.7 billion for the United States.

Japan has \$106.9 b in foreign reserves

TOKYO (AFP) - Japan's

foreign exchange reserves rose \$2.34 billion in May to \$106.91

billion, rewriting a record high

for the third straight month, the finance ministry has said.

Dollar-buying by the Bank of Japan to check the yen's

rapid rise was seen as responsi-

ble for the seventh straight

monthly gain in foreign re-

serves, including convertible

foreign currencies, gold and International Monetary Fund (IMF) Special Drawing Rights.

But, as is the custom, the

ministry refused to give

reasons for the increase but the

central bank has actively step-

ped in the market in the past

month as the yen-dollar rate

The ministry said Japan was

believed to be the biggest hol-

der of foreign exchange re-serves, according to the latest

comparable figures available.

At the end of March, Japan had reserves totalling

moved wildly.

Korea's personal computer (PC) business is running into trouble, hit by slow demand and cut-throat competition from Taiwan and other Asian

Statistics show computer ex-ports tumbled for the sixth consecutive month in April, dragging the value of overseas sales for the November-April period down 15.2 per cent to \$1.34 billion from \$1.59 billion for the previous comparable six-months.

The shipment of peripherie a major export item, fell 11.9 per cent to \$846 million during the January-April period in 1994 from the corresponding period last year.

In the United States, South Korea's biggest overseas market, exports of peripheries plunged 20.6 per cent for the four months to April because of a price cut in U.S.-made goods and market penetration by Taiwan's lower-priced pro-

But a spokesman for the Electronic Industries' Associa-tion of Korea (EIAK) pre-dicted domestic sales of PCs would perk up from this month, thanks to the ongoing economic recovery and in-creasing demand of PCs for business operations.

"The growth potential of the local market is very high, that's why foreign makers are eyeing Sonth Korea," said Park Byung-Chul of the EIAK, adding that the EIAK predicted a 15 per cent growth in domestic sales this year.

dropped because local manufacturers were now preparing to market more updated versions and turning away from highly competitive overseas markets to the more profitable domestic market.

"The had days will be over with the completion of our remodelling programme, which should help us regain competitiveness," Yoon Jong-Jin, a market analyst at Samsung Electronics Co., told to AFP.

Samsung Electronics, South Korea's top electronics maker, also saw its overseas computer sales fall in the past seven months, which Mr. Yoon called a transitional period during which the company was developing new models.

"Competition has forced us to shift from desktops to portable computers, which give higher margins." Mr. Yoon said, adding that Samsung's new note-book computers were selling well abroad, not-ahly in the U.S. market.

But others like Trigem, which claims to be South Korea's most profitable PC maker, sounded a pessimistic tone, citing glutted overseas markets and mounting competition from Taiwan and other newly industrialised countries.

"Without a leapfrog in our technology level, South Ko-rean products will be squeezed out," said No Soo-Hong, a Trigem manager.

He said a "strategic

Mr. Ahluwalia said the pri-

South Korea's PC makers in trouble

local firms to cut costs for developing technology and overseas marketing.

Local firms also face mounting foreign competition in their own turf. U.S. computer gianst

IBM Inc. and Hewlett Packard Inc. have all lowered prices of their PCs hy 30 to 40 per cent in the past six months. The price slashing by foreign competition heaped added

pressure on small local firms, which have been plagued by financial difficulties amid a tight government monetary

A government figure put the share of foreign makers in the

domestic market at three per cent last year, but industry analysts said the real figure was

15 per cent and np.
They also noted that foreign firms took home 12 per cent of sales revenue from South Korean companies in patent

royalties.

Despite the setback in the computer business, South Korean electronics have sold well abroad, helped by a strong

Japanese yen.
In the first three months to March, electronic exports amounted to \$6.17 billion, up 21.4 per cent from a year ago, led by soaring sales in semicon-

46% of Europeans say single currency unlikely by 2000

LONDON (AFP) — Europeans are doubtful there will be a single currency by the end of the century, but strongly favonr EU enlargement, according to an opinion poll across member states.

The survey carried out for eight European newspapers in advance of European elections on June 9 underlines how German voters seem to be joining traditionally Euro-sceptic electorates in Denmark and Britain in their antipathy towards closer integration along the lines of the Maastricht trea-

Only eight per cent of respondents in west Germany and seven per cent of those in east Germany believed that a single currency was "very like-'in at least three European Union (EU) member countries by the end of the century. Overall, 47 per cent of Euro-

peans thought a single currency was likely by 2000, with 46 per cent saying it was unlikely. Voters in Britain, who

appear least in favour of the Maastricht treaty, hold the strongest belief that a single currency will be established by

A total of 64 per cent of British respondents said a single currency was either "very likely" or "fairly likely" by then, compared with figures below 40 per cent in Germany, Denmark, Spain and Italy.

The survey reveals a deep split on the desirability of fulfilling the Maastricht plan for European Union. Respondents in Britain, De-

nmark, east and west Germany : said by a roughly two-to-one margin that they were against the Maastricht arrangements, supporting a "iooser" Europe.
Firmer support for Maas-

tricht came from Italy, Spain, Belgium, and the Netherlands, ali m favour of closer integra- . -: tion hy margins of two-to-one. On enlargement, 79 per cent,

of the EU electorate favoured _____ the planned extension of the EU to Sweden. Finland, Norway and Austria on Jan. 1, 5 with nine per cent voicing opposition.

Fifty per cent, with 30 per cent against, backed membership by former communist countries, with support greatest in Italy and east Ger-

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ministry's top divil servent. till it was to soon to say how much would be pledged by coor nations and multilaterinstitutions at this year's Treating, the main part of

Indian officials have been consulting with the World Bunl: and are about to start preliminary talks with donour

Waxtern diplomats say the level of offerings this year is unlikely to be very different from his: year, when India obtained pledges of \$7.4 hil-

Mr. Abluwalia said India artually took up only \$4.2 billien of that money, although it had not cut zid spending.

He said India's strong foreign enchange reserves meant the country no longer needed the fast-disbursing loans which helped haul ivew Delhi out of a balance of payments crisis in

At that time, India's foreign currency reserves had dwindled to just \$1.0 billion -

climbed to more than \$19 bil-

Senior finance ministry official N.K. Singh said India only used some \$600 million of the \$2.3 billion pledged last year in fast-disbursing loans.

There is a qualitative

change in the external halance of payments position," Mr. Ahluwalia said, "We will not be asking for fast-disbursing assistance. Instead, officials said India

would be looking for more medium-term aid to the best terms available. 'We'll be seeking as much as possible of the grant- and IDA

- (International Development

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ments, and longer maturity,"

For the first time, India will

also be using the forum to woo private capital as well as official aid. It is the first country to involve private investors in its annual aid meeting, formerly

sortium but renamed this year as the India Development Forum. "It represents the kind of transition we're trying to bring about in the economy," Mr.

known as the Aid India Con-

Singh said. The government of Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao has brought in sweeping reforms over the past three years to chip away at four decades of socialist controls.

flows to the developing world had changed dramatically to include much more private money. "We want to be an attractive destination for those flows." he said, Capital inflows to India in

the 1993/94 (April/March)

financial year included \$600 million in direct foreign investment and \$4.0 billion in portfolio investment, he added. The format of the Paris meeting has been changed to include a special session on July 2 with potential foreign

investors, from bankers to Those expected to attend include major banks like Merrill Lynch, Citibank, J.P. Morgan and Nomura, and com-panies such as Suzuki, General

vate sector could help develop many sectors of the Indian economy, irrespective of its own profit motives. Infrastructural projects such as telecommunications and power are already attracting major inves-

But he said India still needed steady aid flows to back up its own government funding in areas such as rural and social development, and for infrastructural improvements offering only a long-term payoff. Mr. Ahluwalia said he did

not immediately expect private sector capital to replace any aid flows to India. "At present we view it as supplementing (aid) - in future we'll see," he

strongly and grow by around

3.0 per cent in 1994. The International Monetary Fund (IMF)

has previously said the eco-

nomy needs a growth rate of

7-8 per cent to create jobs and

ensure social stability.

The survey said despite adverse publicity by the international media, the number of tourists to Kenya rose to 826,000 in 1993 from 782,000 in 1992. But foreign exchange

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IMF chief endorses Philippine programme

MANII.A (R) — International Monetary Fund (IMF) Manag-ing Director Michel Camdessus has endorsed the Philippines' new three-year economic programme and referred it to the IMF executive board for final approval, officials said.

Bank governor Gabriel Singson told reporters Saturday be was optimistic the IMF governing body would approve the programme at its regular meet-ing in the last week of this month due to the Philippines' strong first quarter economic performance.

Gross national product for the period grew by 4.84 per cent, topping projections of a 3.5 per cent growth and the weak growth of 0.27 per cent during the same period last

Approval of the programme would enable Manila to draw about \$650 million in fresh

Officials said they were considering asking the IMF to relax restrictive monetary targets under the programme to take into account possible higher economic growth this

Economic Planning Secretary Ciclito Habito said that, with 4.5 per cent growth well within reach," adjustments of the monetary targets were necessary to make sure they did not stifle economic growth.

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The monetary targets under the programme were based on a low-growth scenario of 3.5 per cent, officials said.

barely enough for two weeks of Mr. Singh said. The IDA is the Mr. Ahluwalia said capital Electric Co. and ATT. Kenya's economy declines for fifth straight year

.:..!ROBI (R) — Drought and piet economic policies forced linya's economic growth to dicting for a lifth year in 1993 Lui recovery was now expected ofter good seasonal rains and reforms, planners have said. Vice-President George atticed told reporters that the slowdown in economic growth The not as pronounced as in

Mr. Saitoti was launching the government's 1994 economic survey. The survey said real gross domestic product (GDP) eased to a dismal 0.1 per cent in 1993 from 0.4 per cent in 1992, some 2.3 per cent in 1991 and 4.0 per cent in

"Prolonged drought which sharply reduced agricultural output, low aggregate domes-tic demand which resulted in sluggish growth in output of manufacturing and foreign ex-change shortage in the first half of 1993 accounted for slowed growth, Mr. Saitoti said.

"High inflation principally as a result of severe drought, excessive growth in money supply, massive depreciation of the Kenya shilling (curren-cy) and liberalisation policies pursued by the government were the other crucial factors,"

Mr. Saitoti added. The agricultural sector's real GDP grew by negative 4.1 per cent compared to negative 3.7 per cent in 1992. Yield of major food crops and key cash crops like coffee were seen

The survey said growth in the agriculture sector was hampered by capricious weather, rising input prices that led to reduced use of fertilisers, delayed payments to farmers by state companies, poor price incentives to some major crops

and poor quality seeds.

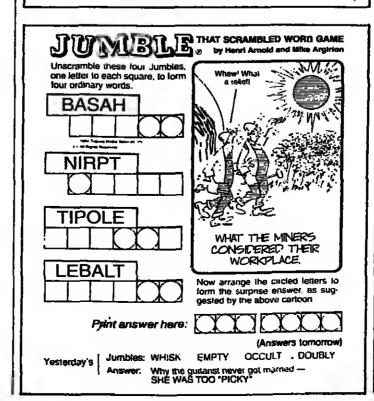
Mr. Saitoti said the government had liberalised foreign exchange restrictions, abo-lished import licensing, re-moved price controls particularly on maize, sngar and wheat and launched tighter controls in the financial management system to right imbal-

He said widespread rains in the second quarter of 1994 ended drought and freeing of exchange and trade laws meant increased investor confidence. Easier access by exporters and farmers to foreign exchange which should help enhance production in all sectors."

Mr. Saitoti projected the economy would recover



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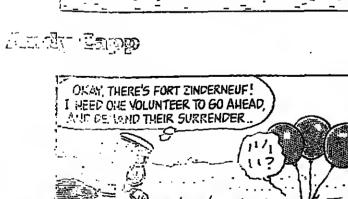
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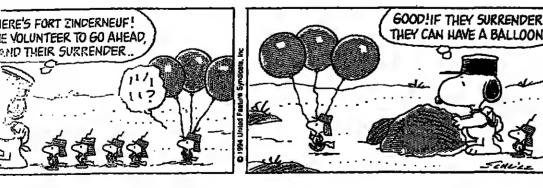


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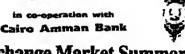
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Foreign Exchange Market Summary (May 30-June 3, 1994)

AMMAN - After closing at 1.6433 mark and 104.28 yen at the end of the previous week, the U.S. unit appreciated sharply at the end of last week, as it ended 1.62 per cent higher against the mark, 1.05 per cent higher against the yen and 0.31

per cent higher against sterling.

After the Memorial Day holiday in New York Monday, the dollar appreciated marginally against the yen Tnesday, but moved lower against sterling and stabilised against the mark, in a quiet and modest trading session. The dollar's rise against the yen was attributed to technical factors and short-covering by a number of traders, following a three day holiday.

On the other hand, analysts' opinions were mixed following the release of the Commodity Research Bureau (CRB) Index the previous week, which revealed a rise of two per cent. The CRB report strengthened fears of future inflationary pressures io the U.S., and thus, spurred expectations of another Fed mooetary tightening during its next scheduled Opeo Market

Committee meeting on the 5th of July.

In the meantime, another batch uf U.S. economic reports was released that day, showing mixed results. Personal Income rose by 0.4 per cent in April, while Personal Expenditure for the same month showed a decline of 0.1 per cent. U.S. New Home Sales showed disappointing figures, as sales fell by 6.8 per cent in April.

The dollar rose modestly against the mark Wednesday, while retreating against the yen and sterling. Reports indicated that a rise in U.S. bond prices prompted dollar buying. Others also indicated that continued turmoil in European Capital Markets contributed to the dollar's appreciation against the

Many traders preferred to stay on the sidelines, ahead of the U.S. May Employment Report at the end of the week. On the other hand, market participants were still focusing oo any developments in the new rounds of trade negotiations between the U.S. and Japan, which began in Tokyo early that day. Analysts indicated that the results of these negotiations would determine the short term direction of the dollar exchange rate against the yen.

The dollar cootinued to appreciate against other major currencies for the remainder of the week, to reach its highest closing levels Friday. The dollar rallied sharply as U.S. bond prices rose, after the release of a positive U.S. Employment Report, which was thought to indicate a growing U.S. economy with modest inflationary pressures. The report revealed an increase of 191,000 in Non-Farm Payrolls in May, against expectations of a 285,000 increase. On the other hand, April's figures were revised positively to show a rise of 358,000, instead of the 267,000 increase previously declared. The employment data also showed a decline in the unemployment rate, which fell to six per cent in May, from 6.4 per cent

in April. The dollar was also supported by increased demand for U.S. Capital Market instruments, due to continued turmoil in European Capital Markets and to disappointing performance of these markets that had been shown by a great number of

The U.S. unit, thus ended the week at 1.6703 marks and 105.93 yen, while sterling ended it at \$1.5055.

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New institution to help fund Pales tinian entrepreneurs strength of 70.

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Parallel to the "big husiness" commercial banking operations shaping in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, an entity is being given shape to help small entrepreneurs and artisans in the occupied territories, a senior official of the Arab Bank said Sunday.

The Arab-Palestine Investment Bank (APIB) is expected to be the first such entity in the occupied territories to make available hadly needed funds for smalltime operators who find it difficult to raise finances through the regular commer-

Securing finances remains the major hurdle for most small entrepreneurs in the occupied territories despite the opening of several branches of Jordanian commercial banks there. In the absence of a proper judicial and legal system, the hanks are reluclant to lend funds even on land mortages.
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TOKYO (AP) — Hurting from weak demand for cars and the high Japanese yen, Mazda Motor Corp. has reported a net loss for the fiscal year that ended in March.

The company, which has close ties with Ford of the United States, suffered a consolidated oet loss of 48 billion yen (\$457 million) in fiscal 1994, compared to a profit of 10.77 billion yen (\$103 million) the previous year.

Sales dropped 16 per cent to 2.19 trillion yen (\$21 billion) from 2.59 trillion yen (\$24.7

Mazda reported in May that it bad suffered a 44.18 billion ven (\$420 million) net loss in the fiscal year for the parent company alone. It noted sharp drops in sales at home and abroad, as well as the negative effects of the yen's strength.

occupation, Israel systemati-cally imposed strict banking regulations which virtually deprived the Palestinians of credit from commercial banks. One of the main factors dissuading them from seeking loans from Israeli banks was fears that land placed as collateral would be

resold to Jewish settlers. Tawfiq Khalil, a senior Arah Bank executive, said the \$15 million APIB "will be a specialised institution catering to the needs of individuals and culities employing five to

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10 people." The Arah Bank, which plans to reopen some of its own branches in the occupied

territories soon, will hold 51 per cent of APIB equity. The International Finance Corporation, an arm of the World Bank, will hold 25 per cent and also offer a \$15 million line of credit to the institution.

The German Agency for Development (DED) will hold 15 per cent of the capital and the rest will be raised from among Palestinian

The bank is expected to be operational later this year. It vas not immediately known where it will be located in the occupied territories.

According to the IFC, the bank will focus initially on trade finance, project lend-

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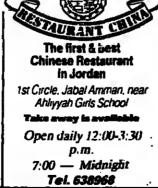
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Argentina

Stone says he is not wanted in

NEW YORK (R) — Film director Oliver Stone express-ed surprise at Argentine Presi-

dent Carlos Menem's sudden

turnaround on a proposed movie version of Evita and said

it was clear he was not wanted

in Argentina. Mr. Menem said

Thursday that Mr. Stone "has

no chance" of shooting the

proposed film in any of Argentina's official buildings if he

bases the film on the Andrew

Lloyd-Webber and Tim Rice

musical which portrays Argen-

tina's revered and almost

mythical former first lady as a

bit of a tramp. "That opera is total infamy," Mr. Menem told reporters at Casa Rosada, the

government house once occu-

pied by Evita Duarte and her

husband, General Inan

Domingo Peron. The outburst

was a big U-turn for Mr.

Menem, a self-confessed lover

of show-business, who invited

Mr. Stone to lunch when the

director paid a surprise visit to

Argentina last month. "We

have not announced plans to

make Evita but in the even-

tuality that we do, it is clear

that Argentina does not want

us." Mr. Stone said in a state.

ment Friday. "We are very

surprised by President

Menem's announcement, espe-

cially in view of the warm

cooperation that he extended

to us at lunch last Tuesday," he

said. Politicians who attended

the lunch said Mr. Menem

gave permission for filming at

the Casa Rosada, and Mr.

Stone was later seen scoping out the balcony from which

Evita and Gen. Peron waved to adoring masses assembled in

the Plaza De Mayo below.

Evita was the champion of Argentina's urban poor, and

the balcony scene is a key part

of the musical, a hit all over the

world with its lead song Don't

Cry For Me, Argentina. But

Argentines objected to its his-

embs hit Kigali a irport **S** Italian minister GGALI (R) — Rwandan govbecause the attackers could

erament troops slammed two mentar bombs into Kigali airport as a U.N. plane landed Sunday, forcing the aircraft to take off hestily with an Italian government minister on board. Witnesses said one 81mm Ter bomb exploded about

400 metres west of the Canadian C-130 transporter as it was about to unload its passengers and relief supplies at the port in the rebel-held east of ir Rwandan capital.

The plane then scrambled into an emergency take-off and gived off seconds before a second bomb crashed into the samuse, sending chunks of 27271. Whizzing past waiting compaists and U.N. officers. For more bombs hit the circont less than an hour after ing U.M. olane took off and etteral to the Kenyan capital in the started its Dittey.

"T this shows the RGF (Fivence government forces) have to counter-attack and this have of it," said U.N. militany spokesman Major Jean-

This is the worst I have seen when an aircraft is here. The RGF know exactly when cur mans is on the tarmac because they give us clearance or it is land," he added.

the ballaved the bombing was more of a show of strength

Bangladesh

clice hunt

for feminist

DHAKA (AFP) — Police

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for the leminist writer Taslima

Nasreen, who now faces arrest

as we'll as a death threat from

fundamentalists for reported

Nasreen cannot leave Bang-

ladesh... We don't know her

whereacouts so far," an office

at Motifice! Station, Dhaka's

only "one or two days" before

the 32-year-old writer and poet

is tracked down, a police offi-

bailable arrest warrant against

Ms. Nasreen Saturday, acting

after a week of demonstrations

by isiamic groups that culmin-

ated in a ally by 3,000 fun-

damentalists calling for Ms.

The jundamentalist group

Towhidi Jagrata Janata (Rising

Faithfuls) sentenced her to

death Friday and warned she

would be slain wherever

Ms. Nasreen came under fire

after being quoted by an Indi-

as saying: "I am not in favour

of minor chenges (to the

Koran). It serves no purpose.

The Koran should be revised

making the comment.

thoroughly." She has denied

She went into hiding soon

after she was informed of the

government step by "friends."

a source said, requesting

anonymity. He failed to say if

she planned to quit Bangladesh

for neighbouring India.
The chief of Motijheel police

station, M. Nurul Alam, filed a

suit against Ms. Nasreen on

behalf of the state, saving that

the reported comments had

seriously hur the religious

sentiments of Muslims, the

Chief metropolitan magis-

trate Shaniduddin Ahmad

issued a criminal warrant for

deliberate and malicious in-

tention of outraging religious feeling." He set July 4 hearing

The prosecution cited re-

tired army doctor Majo General Anis Waiz Muft

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an newspaper, The Statesman,

Nasreen to be punished.

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"We have taken steps so that

remarks about the Koran.

writer

have scored a direct hit on the plane if it were their target. Nevertheless the incident

almost completely paralysed U.N. operations in Kigali once again. U.N. convoys stopped evacuating civilians from both sides of the divided capital Friday wben rebel fire threatened refugee trucks.

Among the passengers on the plane was Italian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Franco Rochetta, who was arriving for a five-hour visit to Kigali to check whether Italy should send troops to reinforce the U.N. mission.

The United Nations Assistance Mission In Rwanda (UN-AMIR) is grappling with security problems as it tries to cope with massacres and fighting in which an estimated 500,000 Rwandans bave died in two months. Nearly two million are

UNAMIR officers said the mortar attack, the first on the airport while a U.N. aircraft was on the ground, was part a counter-attack by the are against rebels who seized it topi

On Sunday a mortar bor crashed into a church comp crowded with thousands of fugees in the government-incity centre Sunday, the office

There were no casualt Sunday's incident but an mortar attack Saturday ics in two refuger lands
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Church. as and wounded batt

army was around the Hutu-dominated Tutsi Rwsi flexing its muscles rebels was airport, the mainlythe goveranda Patriotic Front lere battling closer to

manso capital.
the cN. officers said the RPF's me a target still appeared to be trat interim government's forfour sanctuary at a civil service tosining college at Murambi, ar kilometres south of the

The rebels are pushing on itarama, which they believe will topple the government. ut they will have a tough fight because the army has prepared for that all along," one officer

U.N. officers said the rebel drive on Gitarama was forcing government troops to pull back from Kigali to defend the town while the rebels were also trying to cut off government

The battle for Gitarama is shaping into the climax of Rwanda's civil war that flared again after Hutu President Juvenal Habyarimana was assassinated on April 6.

The rebels bave advanced from their stronghold on the northern border with Uganda to seize about two-thirds of Rwanda since April 6.

Logistical Indonesia problems hamper PANCUR, Indonesia a relief effort

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in Pancur, n. 1,000 mainly
dy battlefiel's were battered bris and b w akin to a mud-and five o'd littered with detoken palm trees, ther nearby fishing communities. Pancur is about 880 kilometres east of Indonesia's capital Jakarta.

Information from other areas poorly served by roads and with limited telecommunications has been sketchy at best since a quake of 5.9 on the Richter Scale sparked the tidal waves.

Survivors said the onrush of waves, described by officials as four metres high, sounded like Officials said throughout

Sunday that 192 people had died and dozens were missing. Newspapers, some with photographs showing rows of graves being dug, put the toll at up to Meanwhile, a strong earth-

ouake shook Taiwan and Japan early Sunday, killing one man and sending residents of high-rise apartments fleein onto the streets of Taipei, police said.

The quake registered six on the Richter Scale in Taiwan which suffered most. It hit seven in Japan where no injuries or damage were immediately reported.

economy could falter if policies

credible to Wall Street were

not advanced and that Mr.

Clinton moved to accommo-

Mr. Rubin said: "I don't

think that is an accurate char-

acterisation of wbat bap-

He said that when Mr. Clin-

ton took office, economie

numbers given by the outgoing

George Bush administration

showed an economy far worse

tban had been previously dis-

He told reporters that with

those figures, Mr. Clinton had

to curb the budget first to form

a base for the stronger eco-

nomy needed to go ahead with

his social programmes. Every member of Mr. Clin-

ton's inner circle, including his wife, is critical of the president

style, according to the book. It describes how the new

president and his "stumbling, fending team of advisers"

struggled to fashion an econo-

mic policy in Mr. Clinton's first

Asked about the reports of

there was vigorous debate in

resolving the tough problems.

and added "that could not

have happened in a White

Hillary Rodham Clinton is

credited in the book with

acting more decisively than

Treasury Secretary Lloyd

Bentsen 'has told people inter-

nally that Hillary's tougher, more goal oriented and more

disciplined," Mr. Woodward

In the book, Mr. Woodward

quotes one of the president's

political consultants as saying

that "without Hillary," Mr.

Clinton would have wound up

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report NGTON (R) - The reigns, it who exposed the Hous ate scandal says chaos dent' in the Clinton White man : - and even the presi-Was wife is critical of his Satuagement style — the Thington Post reported

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20 he Agenda: Inside The

Bunton White House, by Pulittr Prize-winning journalist trob Woodward, says Mr. Clinn has had several lengthy emper tantrums and depicts im as frequently indecisive and reluctant to delegate, the

newspaper said. The Post is publishing exerpts from the book by its now assistant managing editor beginning Sunday. As a reporte. 20 years ago, Mr. Woodward and colleague Carl Bern-stein exposed the Watergate scandal that led to the downfall

of President Richard Nixon. Mr. Woodward told the CBS news programme 60 Minutes. in a segment broadcast Sunda", that "cbaos, absolute chaos at many times" prevails in the Clinton White House.

After the story appeared, the White House called reporters to set up a telephone conference call with economie adviser Robert Rubin, who denied that Mr. Clinton was indecisive and that the White

House was in chaos. Mr. Rubin said Mr. Clinton ce tough decisions to reduce the federal deficit, increase some taxes, cut back government spending and win approval of controversial trade

"I think exactly the opposite. This is a president who can make tough decisions," he

said. Mr. Rubin also denied the book's contention that advice by Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan led Mr. Clinton to drop his economic populism plan in favour of

inver budget deficits. Tire book said Mr Greens-

battered and demoralised, While the Sainte Famille though the 35,000 government troops heavily outnumber the 20,000 well-disciplined rebels.

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units in the capital.

U.N. officials say the army is

is for me." North wins nomination for U.S.

Senate

RICHMOND, VA (R) -Oliver North, fresh from capturing Virginia's Republican Senate nomination, bas taken another step on his \$6 million political comeback trail from the worst scandal of Ronald Reagan's presidency.
The retired Marine lieote-

Meanwhile, 31 wounded

Rwandan children arrived Sun-

day at Paris-Orly Airport on a

plane chartered by the French government for the bumanita-

rian organisation Medicins Du

The children, aged three to

14 and most of them with

serious bullet or machete

wounds, were immediately

transferred to bospitals or

General Boutros Ghali has ac-

cused the international com-

munity of being indifferent to

the crisis in Rwanda, a Ger-

Sunday.

man news magazine reported

In an interview with Der

Spiegel, Dr. Ghali said U.N. members were turning their

eyes away from the "genocide" that followed the killings of the

"Many states of the world

are clearly slacking and what is

new, showing indifference," the U.N. chief was quoted as

saying.
"I and the United Nations

are not the only ones to have failed (over Rwanda). The

whole international commun-

ity has," be said. "It is even

more shameful for them than it

Rwandan president.

United Nations Secretary-

nant colonel whose notoriety grew out of the Iran-contra arms scandal during the Ronald Reagan presideocy defeated Reagan budget director James Miller by about 55 to 45 per cent during a Virginia Republican convention Saturday.

Col. North, 50, who amassed about a \$6 million war is expected to face incumbent Democratic Senator Charles Robb in the Nov. 8 election.

Sen. Robb faces opposition from lesser known opponents in the June 14 Democratic primary but is expected to survive despite lingering questions about his character, stemming from charges of marital infidelity when he was governor here in the early 1980s.

In his acceptance speech, Col. North, who has the backing of the far right of the party, blasted President Bill Clinton and made it clear he wanted to shake up Washington if he gets there.

"Today, friends, we're going to send a message to the Clintons and their cronies, a message they'll never forget they (Repblicans) are going to send to Washington, from right here in this arena the real comeback kid," Col. North told cheering. delegates.

Col. North said he was delivering the message that "this is our government, they stole it and we're coming to take it back."

Just as Mr. Clinton used the "comeback kid" phrase in his 1992 presidential nomination campaign, Col. North also took another page from the Clinton campaign book.



southern China. as the death toll rises to 11 (AFP Police and rescue workers search in ruins of the collapsed illegally built factory, near Shenzhen in

11 die in China factory collapse

HONG KONG (R) — Eleven workers were killed and over 60 injured, eight seriously, when an unfinished toy factory they were living in collapsed near the south China boomtown of Shenzben, a city spokesman said Sunday.

No more victims were expected to be found and official rescue operations finished after an all-night effort at 7 a.m. (2300 GMT Saturday), about 24 bours after the building collapsed Shenzhen city spokesman Huang Xinhua

A few rescue workers remained on the scene in case any more workers remained trapped, be added. Officials of the Xiecheng

Plastics Factory confirmed the rescue work was over but declined to comment further, saying they were too distraught. Six of the dead were women

and five men.

An administrator at Longgang No. 2 People's Hospital. where most of the victims were reported to have been taken, said two of the eight seriously injured workers bad heen operated on and that the others were in stable condi-

The collapse was the latest in a series of major industrial accidents to hit Shenzhen, just across the border from Hong Kong, which bas grown from a rural backwater to a sprawling

been used by his sister's gov-ernment to "blackmail"

Mr. Murtaza's row with Be-

nazir Bhutto stemmed from his

effort to emerge as the politi-

cal beir to their father, former

Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali

Bhutto, who was overthrown

by the military in 1977 and

He left the country after the

hanged two years later.

industrial city in just 15 years. Mr. Huang said 106 workers, mostly women from poorer provinces seeking work in booming Shenzhen, had been listed as living on the first floor dormitory of the collapsed building.

The 30 or so not among the rescued or the dead had probably not returned to the dormitory the pevious night or bad left earlier in the morning, be

The building bad been built illegally without being reg-istered with or approved by the authorities. A Hong Kong resi-dent responsible for the factory had been arrested, he said Saturday.

Bhutto's brother freed on bail ments, were "false" and had

him.

KARACHI (AFP) — Mir Murtaza Bhutto, the estranged brother and potential rival of Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bbutto, was released on bail Sunday and immediately claimed strong support in his

sister's ruling party. Mr. Murtaza, 39, who was arrested on Nov. 4 upon his return from 16 years of self-exile, was granted bail by the anti-terrorism court where he faces charges of masterminding anti-state and sabotage activi-

"It is a victory for justice," he told reporters in the court, which had twice previously turned dowo his bail pleas. He said Judge Ali Ahmad bad taken a "bold" decision despite "immense pressure" from his elder sister's government to prevent his release.

"I congratulate the judge Mr. Murtaza said. He said he had "strong sup-

port" among workers of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP), led by his sister, whose policies be consistently criticised from prison, and would make a decision on his political future after consulting with his supporters. According to Mr. Murtaza,

the six charges against him,

brought by previous govern-

MIAMI, Florida (AFP) -

Fifty-oine Cuban asylum-

seekers aboard a freighter, re-

ported shot at by a Cuban

gunboat, arrived in Miami

overnight, a spokesman for the U.S. Coast Guard said Sun-

three adults and one child suf-

evacuated by the Coast Guard

who also treated three others

for slight injuries caused in the

commotion aboard the 38-

metre (125-foot) freighter, the

The freighter left the Cuban port of Mariel before dawn

Saturday. Passengers said it

was fired at for more than four

A Miami television station

Rene Bedia Morales.

bours.

fering gunshot wounds - were

day.

Earlier, four passengers -

late military ruler General Mohammad Zia-Ul-Haq ousted his father, and organised resistance against the military strongman abroad. He first lived in Kabul and then moved to Syria.

More than 100 supporters chanted slogans and distributed sweets outside the court to celebrate the bail order, after having waited for bours during the court proceedings. Female supporters kissed

the tall, mustachioed Murtaza on the cheeks. Murtaza won a seat in the

provincial assembly in his home province of Sind in the general election last October and political associates said his release would have a dramatic impact on Pakistani politics, particularly within the PPP.

Cuban refugees arrive in Miami

reported the freighter bad

been hijacked by its passen-

gers. 'There may be some-thing to that effect. We're not

sure at this time," said spokes-

Neither the U.S. nor Cuban

authorities have confirmed the

Cuban Navy attack on the

freighter.
The ship's captain, who was

shot in the neck, was hospital-ised in critical condition, the

Coast Guard said. Two people

were in stable condition and

the fourth was treated and

Passengers said three Cuban

gunboats started firing on their boat soon after it left Mariel on

Cuba's northern coast at about

1:00 a.m. (0600 GMT) Satur-

released.

man Sergeant Tim Keene.

"Sincere workers have been waiting for this moment," said one excited supporter.

Political observers say Mr. Murtaza could pose a serious challenge to Benazir Bhutto's leadership of the PPP if he managed to muster enough internal support.

He has enjoyed firm backing from his mother, Begum Nusrat Bhutto, who has described as illegal her ouster as the party leader in December, when her daughter assumed sole leadership.

The six cases against Mr. Murtaza include one for the 1981 hijacking of a Pakistani airliner, allegedly by members of his clandestine Al-Zulfikar Organisation.

Murtaza was also charged with infiltrating Indian-trained saboteurs into Pakistan in 1992 during the government of then Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, now the national opposition leader.

The earlier charges were laid against him during the decade-long rule of Gen. Zia, who

died in a plane crash in 1988. Earlier, Mr. Murtaza was granted bail in five cases and Sunday's order by the antiterrorism court cleared the way

day. They said the shooting

continued after the boat en-

tered international waters and

lasted more than four hours.

Larisa Cuesta, a stepdangh-

ter of one of the ship's officers,

said from a hospital in Key

West, Florida that a Cuban

gunhoat began chasing the Rene Bedia Morales and fired

"They kept shooting at us, we showed them the children,

they still kept shooting," Cues-ta told radio station WCMQ in

"We shouted one of them is

dead, and they still kept shoot-

ing. At one point they threw

ropes to try to drag us in. We

cut the rope to get loose

Miami.

when it would not stop.

torical inaccuracies and certain characterisations, such as the generals in dark glasses who overthrew Gen. Peron's government in 1955. Mr. Stone

said in the statement he is

continuing to study other pos-

sibilities for filming the movie.

Bardot confronts

hunters' congress SAINT-TROPEZ, France (AFP) — Former French acturess Brigitte Bardot, a celebrated animal rights campaigner, clashed with members of a local hunt Saturday who arrived to hold a meeting in her home town of Saint-Tropez, or the Cote d'Azur. Ms. Bardot organised her own counterdemonstration to denounce the gathering of some 400 hunt leaders from across southeastern France. Municipal authorities had given the meeting the go-ahead. Squeezed in between market tradesman and fruit sellers, some 300 people gathered to support Ms. Bardot, some of them wearing animal masks. Some 70 police were on hand to keep order as Ms. Bardot appeared to rousing checrs from her supporters but whistles from bunt members. "It is an enormous provocation by the municipality to anthorise this meeting," Ms.. Bardot said. "The buntsmen are killers, assassins." They refuse all discussion. I have never been able to initiate a dialogue with them, so we are opting to fight," she added. They attacking the buntsmen's activities for some 15 minutes, Ms. Bardot left to wild applause from the assembled crowd. "I am appalled. I thought I would be sheltered here, in the fishing port of Saint Tropez. But the hunters had to come and provoke me right bere at home," Ms. Bardot complained. She said she would be leaving Saint-Tropez

PARIS (AFP) — The indomitable Gallic warrior Asterix is to hang np his winged hat after years of battling Romans and other would-be invaders of his corner of ancient France, cartoonist Albert Uderzo, his creator, said in an interview published Saturday. The mustachioed hero, along with his menhir-toting sidekick Obelix and trusty hound Idefix, will embark on no new adventures, Uderzo said, confessing himself "exbausted" by bis labours. Uderzo, who devised the immensely popular cartoon strip with the late Rene Goscinny, noted that at 67, he had "lived solely in front of a drawing-board. I know nothing of life." Since Goscinny's death in 1977, Uderzo had created his own publishing house to bring out a further five cartoon strips, adding to the 24 albums that he brought out with his former colleague.

for a small farm near Paris and

would not return as long as acting mayor Jean-Michel

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EU is set for vote, but local politics dominate

BRUSSELS (R) - Voters across the European Union (EU) begin going to the polls this week to choose a new European Parliament in a series of national ballots that look set to be dominated by infighting and chaos in the local politics. White House, Mr. Rubin said Denmark, Britain, Ireland

and the Netherlands vote Thursday, to be followed Sunday by the rest of the 12-nation bloc - Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Belgium. Greece and Luxembourg. The aim is to elect 567 Euro-

MPs who will serve for five years in the parliament, which meets in the French city of Strasbourg and is the onion's only directly elected body. And although the parlia-ment has slowly been gaining powers as the EU has becomes

more integrated, the Euro-poll looks set to turn on domestic issues. Nowhere is this more apparent that in Britain, traditionally one of the least integrationist of EU member states, and the only one that elects EuroMPs in constituencies rather than via proportional representation.

Prime Minister John Major's Conservative government, home to a large anti-EU faction, is widely expected to be pounded at the polls because of voter disenchaniment with its running of the country. This would mean that Bri-

tain's pro-EU Labour Party is likely to send more members to Strasbourg, adding to the dominance there of the Socialist group.
Mr. Major has recently be-

gun trying to focus the cam-paign on Europe, calling for a multi-speed approach to in-legration, rather than on what ails his party at home. Elsewhere, the local focus is

much the same, although one of the main issues. unemploy-ment, is a pan-European prob-It Italy, for example, the main question is how well the

three main parties in Prime

Minister Silvio Berlusconi's

government will do against the left-wing opposition, which they humiliated in general elections in March. Polls suggest Mr. Berlusco-

ni's Forza Italia will do even better, getting more than 25 per cent of the vote, while the other two parties, the neofascist-led National Alliance and the federalist Northern League, will hold there own.

Spain's ruling Socialists, meanwhile, are likely to get an indication of voter reaction to a series of corruption scandals that have haunted Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez's government.

Recent polls'suggest the conservative Popular Party has taken over the lead. In France, meanwhile, the

results will be seen primarily as a pointer to next May's presidential elections when President Francois Mitterrand steps

The ruling central right coalition is expected to do best, with around 40 per cent

of the vote, while a slate headed by businessman Bernard Tapie is expected to make

again," she added.

inroads. Mr. Tapie is under investigadon for various business dealing and his soccer team, Olympique Marseille, has been involved in bribery scandals. Some voters are said to believe he is being hounded.

Lost in all the domestic politicking, ironically, is the role the newly elected parliament will play.

One of its first tasks will be

to vet the new European Com-mission, the engine of EU legislation, to be appointed by member states.

Under EU law it can reject the Commission, which some Euro-MPs have promised to do if any neo-fascists are included in its ranks.

Similarly, the new parlia-ment will be the one that lobbies member states in 1996 when a review of EU institutions takes place, potentially offering the parliament expanded powers.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Forget wins Beckenham tennis

BECKENHAM, England (AFP) — Unseeded Frenchman Guy Forget beat Jeremy Bates of Britain in straight sets, 6-2, 6-3, to win the final of the Beckenham tennis tournament here Sunday. The former world number four, now ranked 117th following chronic knee injury, was in commanding form against Bates, seeded five and world-ranked 93.

NBA star visits native Lebanon

BEIRUT (AP) - U.S. basketball star Rony Seikaly was quoted Saturday as saying he would head his native Lebanon's cational team if standards were improved. "Certainly, I'll play," Seikaly told the Beirut newspaper As-Safir when asked if he would contemplate leading the Lebanese team once his contract with the National Basketball Association (NBA) ends in the year 2,000. "But first certain things have to be accomplished - improvement of stadiums, retention of qualified coaches and enhancement of players' fitness to upgrade the national team's standards," Seikaly said. Lebanon's sports facilities were devastated during the 1975-90 civil war in which more than 150,000 people were killed. Seikaly, who is 6 feet-II1/2 inches (2.12 metres) tall, left Lebanon during the war. He has both the Lebanese and American citizenships. Seikaly, 29, is the leading rebounder in the young NBA team's franchise history. He play centre for the Miam Heat. He starred at Syracuse University and was drafted by Miami in 1988 where he was a first-round draft choice of the Heat. He arrived Wednesday in Beirut on a trip to promote basketbalal in Lebanon.

Sampras meets Bjorkman or Stafford

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LONDON (AP) - Top seed Pete Sampras, who defends his Wimbledon title in 15 days time, plays his first grass court tournament of the year at Queen's Club this week with a second round match against either Jonas Bjorkman of Sweden or South Africa's Grant Stafford. The top seeded players in the high-quality tournament go straight into the second round. Defending titlist Michael Stich faces either Frenchman Guy Forget or Byron Black of Zimbabwe, who meet in the opening round. Third seed Stefan Edberg, who was upset by Australia's Wayne Arthurs at Beckenham three days ago and has been troubled by a back injury, will play the winner of a first-round match between Patrick McEnroe and Australia's

Sautin overtakes Chinese favourite

WUHAN, China (AFP) - Dimitry Sautin of Russia overtook China's Chen Sheng to win the men's three metre springboard event on the opening day of the China international diving meet here Sunday. Sautin scored 710.94 points and Chen, who led after the first three dives, 676.23,

Vancouver, Seattle to present joint Olympic bid

VANCOUVER, Canada (AFP) The cities of Vancouver in Canada and Seattle in the United States plan to submit a combined bid for the Summer Olympics Games in 2004, according to bid officials on Saturday. Business representatives from the two West Coast towns of the North American continent met for the first time in Vancouver to study the feasibility of this unprecedented project, the two cities have till 1997 to prepare their bid.

GOREN BRIDGE

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Ethiopian issues warning with 5,000m world record

HENGELO, Netherlands (AFP) — Ethiopia's Haile Gebresilasic issued an carly warning to the formidable Kenyans at the outset of the outdoor athletics season here when he smashed the world 5,000m record.

In steady rain, the 21-yearold policeman from Assela clocked 12min 56.96sec., slicing almost one and a half seconds off the record set by Morocco's Said Aouita in Rome in July 1987.

Gebresilasie fought off a class field with his compatriot Worku Bikila finishing almost 13 seconds behind in second place and the Russian Vincr Kashayev a distant third.

"It was only when I began the last lap that I felt I was in with a chance of the world record," he said after Saturday's race. "Over the last kilometre, I

was a little off word-record time and I knew I had to go a bit faster. In fact with one kilometre to go he was 2min 38sec behind

Aonita's world record time. But he covered the distance in 2min 29sec, nearly four seconds faster than Aouita achieved at the same stage.

An impressive 58sec over the final 400 metres clinched his bid to become the first Ethiopian to hold a world record, discounting the marathon for which world bests only are awarded.

He said his target was 12min Sosec but was happy to become only the second runner in history to beat the 13min barrier for the race.

Conditions were perfect for

me," he said. "I like the rain." At last year's World Athletics Championships in stutt-gart, Gebresilusie took the gold medal in the 10,000 metres but had to be content with silver in the 5,000 metres behind Kenyan Ismael Kirui. His previous best 5,000m time was 13:03.17 last year.

The world record time sends a clear message to the elite of world distance running including the Kenyans who will be closely watching the compact, lightly-built Ethiopian (1.60m.

64kg) as the season evolves. The farmet's son from a family of 10 children triumphed in a tactical 10,000m at the world championships but showed here that he has another weapon in his armoury, that devastating finishing kick.

WORLD CUP ROUNDUP

Debutant Weber scores 5 as Belgium hammer Zambia 9-0

The Associated Press

IOSIP Weber scored five goals in bis international debut, leading Belgium to a 9-0 rout of Zambia Saturday night at Brussels in the country's largest margi of victory since it began playing international soccer in 1904.

Weber, who was born in Croatia, received Belgian citizenship March 12. The 29year-old plays for Cercle Bruges and has led the Belgian league in scoring for three consecutive seasons, scoring 31 goals in both 1993 and 1994. He decided to settle in Belgium because of the war in former Yugoslavia.

"Josip is a gift from heaven," Belgium coach Paul van Himst said. "We don't have any like that in Belgium, but now, Josip is a Belgian." It was the first five-goal game for Belgium since Bert

de Cleyn did it in a 7-0 win

over Luxembourg Feb. 23,

later, he took a pass from Enzo Scifo, cut free from two defenders and beat goalkeeper James Phiri with a curling low Weber scored off a pass from Scifo early in the second half, got his fourth goal on a

Weber got his first goal in

the ninth minute off a pass

from Danny Boffin. Six minutes

nute and chipped the ball over Phiri in the final minute. "It's a beautiful start," Weber said. Weber also added an assist

diving header in the 60th mi-

to Luc Nilis, who ended his 24-game scoreless streak, and Marc Degryse had three goals feor Belgium. Zambia, which lost the core

of its national team in a plane crash last year, finished second in the African Nations Cup this spring. Its players were visibly tired after arriving in Brussels only hours before the game and offered only token resistance in the driving rain.

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Spain stage French Open take-over

Bruguera retains his title after beating Berasategui

PARIS (AFP) - Spanish tennis staged a spectacular takeover of the French Open at the Roland Garros Stadium here

Sergi Brugera retained his crown in the first-ever all-Spanish men's single final by beating friend and Davis Cup teammate Alberto Berasategui.

Barcelona battler Arantza Sanchez broke home hearts and ended the sensational run of French teenager Mary Pierce to take the women's title for a second time tsee separate story).

An even Madrid teenager Jacobo Diaz got in on the act by claiming the men's junior

Bruguera retained his crown by beating Berasategui 6-3, 7-5, 2-6, 6-1 in 2hrs 17 mins - a victory never seriously in doubt because of the 23-yearold champion's experience on the world's most gruelling sur-

CHANTILLY, France (R) -

Celtic Arms, confined to bis

box for three months after

meeting with a setback during

the winter, finished fast to win

the Prix du Jockey Club

(French Derby) Sunday. Celtic

Arms, just as be had done in

the Prix Lupin, bided his time

at the back of the field before

being produced with a well

timed run by Geralo Mosse, to

beat Sotid Illusion by three-

quarters of a length. Alriffa did

best of the British quintet to

finish third a further length and

a half away, followed by

another home contender, Tik-

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Plucky Berasategui, the first unseeded player to reach the fical since Sweden's Mikael Pernfors played Ivan Lendl for the title in 1986, tried everything he knew.

But Bruguera knew his game too well and like all great players always seemed to have extra time to make bis shots.

Berasategui's unorthodox hitting, whipping the ball with the same side of the racket head on both the forehand and the backhand, had propelled the world's 23rd ranked player into the final without the loss of a set.

But although it stimulated applause from the 16,000 crowd, it failed to make any impression on Bruguera.

"I didn't think this was possible. It is the most wonderful day of my life to win the title again," panted Bruguera after receiving the coveted trophy from the Tribune's guest of bonour, King Juan Carlos of

light Dance, the only filly in

the race, failed to make an

impact and finished out of the

first 10. There were 15 numers

in the 12 furlong (2.4 km)

classic. Celtic Arms' victory

was a first in the race for

Mosse, his trainer, Pascal Bary

and lucky owner Jean-Louis

Bouchard, who purchased the

colt for a million francs after he

finished third in the Prix

Yacowlef at Deauville last sea-

son. Celtic Arms has repaid

that investment with interest

and his Jockey Club win was

his third group success follow-

ing success in the Prix de Con-

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Mary Pierce of France and Spaniard Arantxa Sanchez Vicario kiss each other after the women's final of the French Open

Sanchez ends Pierce dream to take title

chez Vicario shattered Mary Pierce's dream of a bistoric French Open win by beating her in straight sets to clinch her second triumph on the Paris clay Sunday.

The second-seeded Spaniard gave ber usual battling display to counter the 19-year-old Frenchwoman's powerful game and notch a 6-4, 6-4 win after one hour and 51 minutes of a tense final.

Twelfth seed Pierce, seeking to give France its first title since Françoise Durr's victory 27 years ago, made a perfect start but grew increasingly nervous, finally hitting a backhand wide on match point.

Pierce, who had dropped a French Open record of only 10 games on her way to the final. failed to recapture the kind of form she had showed in taming world number one Steffi

Graf 6-2, 6-2 in the semifingle. Unimpressed by her opponent's remarkable run through the draw, the gritty Sanchez Vicario, who burst into the limelight by winning in Paris at the age of 17 five years age ran to retrieve every ball to win her second Grand Slam title.

Pierce, who was leading 2-1 when the match was interrupted by rain after 17 minutes Saturday, broke Sanchez Vicario immediately Sunday Li open a 3-1 lead. But the determined Spa-

niard fought back in the next game, lasting 15 minutes. Pierce, in the final of a

Grand Slam tournament for the first time, then seemed to crack under pressure, shouting at herself and smashing her racket against the ground as Sanchez Vicario concentrated intensely on keeping the ball in

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Two Gazans get taste of Palestinian justice

GAZA CITY (AFP) - Two cousins who insulted and assaulted a Palestinian police officer have become the first Gazans, to taste the justice meted out by the new authorities. The pair — who refused to show their car papers, shouted at the officer and grabbed him by the collar — were jailed for six months. The policemen bad to be rescued by colleagues. Palestinian military prosecutor Major Ahmad Libayed asked the military court in Khan Younis for "very severe sentences to dissuade other Palestiniaos from such acts." Judge Abdul Karim Masri sent Nafez and Ibrahim Rulam, 22 and 23, to Khan Younis jail on Wednesday, police officials said Sunday.

Neo-fascists in Italy cabinet upset Israel

TEL AVIV (R) - Israel said on Sunday it had pointedly refused to congratulate Italy's prime minister on his election rause of worry over the appointment of neo-fascist cabinet mit sters. "Their election and participation in the government is certainly something very problematic in our view," Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin told army radio. "We didn't respond as we generally respond, sending a congratulatory note to the newly elected prime minister and bis government. something that in and of itself is significant." Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's cabinet includes five ministers from the neo-fascist National Alliance movement whose core party is the Italian Social Movemnet (MS I). Three of the five National Alliance cabinet ministers are from the MS1, which traces its roots to Benito Mussolini, Italy's wartime dictator and an ally of Nazi Germany. Mr. Beilin said Israel declined to send a cultural delegation to Italy last week and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres would summon ministry officials to a meeting this week to decide on further action. He said Israel was obligated to protest at the cabinet make-up even though Italy's foreign minister had recently told U.S. Jewish leaders the government would be Italy's most pro-

Afghans rescue abducted Iranian diplomat

KABUL (AFP) - Afghan security forces bave rescued unharmed an Iranian diplomat abducted bere four days earlier by unidentified gunmen, official and diplomatic sources said Sunday. Mahdi Mashaekhi, 31, was grabbed by two armed Afghans while driving in his car through Kabul's western residential district of Khushall Khan Mina on Wednesday. The abductors drove bim towards the northwestern mountains at gunpoint, apparently to demand a hefty ransom from the Iranian embassy. But the security forces raided their bideout and arrested the abductors, the sources said. The diplomat has rescued in "good health" and the Foreign Ministry handed him over to the Iranian embassy on Saturday, the sources said. The identity of the kidnappers was not yet known but Iranian sources described them as simple "hooligans" who had no political affiliation, adding that the kidnapping did not appear politically motivated.

Toll of Indonesians in Haj rises over 500

JAKARTA (AFP) - The death toll of Indonesian pilgrims making the Haj to Saudi Arabia this year has risen to 529, with most of those dying of health problems, a Religious Affairs Ministry official said Sunday. Ministry spokesman Ema said that heart and lung diseases along with heat stroke were the main killers, with most victims more than 60 years old. Seven Indonesians were among 270 people killed in a stampede in Mecca late last month. An estimated 160,000 Indonesians made the pilgrimage this year. Officials said 122,886 Indonesians made the Haj last year, when 394 of them died. The government of Indonesia, where 90 per cent of the population of 186 million follow Islam, making it the world's largest Muslim nation, organises an all-inclusive yearly pilgrimage package for its citizens.

Israeli gunsmith offers Palestinians weapons

TEL AVIV (AFP) - The biggest guasmith in Jerusalem to offering self-defence weapons such as tear-gas pistols to Palestinians who are not allowed to carry "real" arms. Itzik Mizrahi, 49, who owns the "Magnum 88" shop in West Jerusalem, has advertised in the Palestinian press of East Jerusalem. "About 15 retailers contacted me but I still have no orders," Mr. Mizrahi told AFP. He said the pistols at \$35 a piece in quantities of 100. Mr. Mizrahi expects fighting between Palestinian factions during autonomy for bis business to boom. "They don't have the right to buy real guns so the Palestinians need something to defend themselves, even if the weapon is only really a toy." Mr. Mizrahi has already seen his sales leap since the intifada began in December 1987 as Israelis rushed to buy personal arms. An Israeli who has served in the army and does not have a criminal record can easily obtain a guo permit while Palestinians and Arab-Israelis who fear for their lives are limited to defensive items such as sprays and

Police violently disperse Djibouti demonstration

DJIBOUTI (AFP) - Djibouti police violently dispersed a demonstration Sunday in the Afar-majority district of Arhib in Djibouti. Police used tear-gas and an AFP correspondent on the scene heard shots being fired. The Association for Human Rights and Freedom reported witnesses as saying there were "many demonstrators wounded." No official report of wounded has been published. The crowd was demonstrating at the destruction of makesbift houses by police over the past few days in Arhiba. According to the human rights organisation, more than 300 people have been left "homeless and dispossessed of anything which might be useful to them." Several demonstrators were arrested and taken to the police station at Nagade, 10 kilometres southeast of Djibouti.

Qadhafi meets slain Briton's mother

TUNIS (R) - The mother of a British policewoman who was shot dead near the Libyan embassy in London met Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi and said she hoped her daughter's death would not keep the two countries apart, the official Libyan news agency JANA said on Saturday. "I hope that the two countries will soon get together and relations between (Libya) and Britain will return as they were in the past, Queenie Fletcher, mother of policewoman Yvonne. was quoted as saying after she took part in a rally alongside Colonel Qadhafi. Yvonne Fletcher was on duty on April 17. 1984 during a demonstration by Libyan students opposed to Col. Qadhafi. She was killed by a burst of gunfire apparently directed from an embassy window. Eleven students were wounded. "I would wish to say I do not want the death of my daughter to be used to punish the Arab Libyan people through imposed sanctions," JANA quoted Ms. Fletcher as saying. The agency said she was on a three-day visit in Libya.

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Talks on comprehensive Bosnia truce called off

GENEVA (Agencies) — The United Nations on Sunday called off scheduled talks on a comprehensive ceasefire after the Bosnian government said it would not take part unless all Serbs withdrew from a U.N.declared military exclusion zone in east Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The talks were cancelled by U.N. Special Representative to the former Yugoslavia Yasushi Akashi, his spokes-man Michael Williams said. "There will be no further

talks or meeting this after-noon," said Mr. Williams, adding: "We will be returning to our botels and making arrangements for our return to

Zagreb."
The largely-Muslim Bosnian: government delegation had earlier refused to take part in the talks, saying some Serbs still remained within the three-kilometre exclusion zone around the besieged town of Gorazde in contravention of earlier agreements.
Mr. Williams said earlier

Sunday the United Nations was getting increasingly impa-tient and irritated by the continued delay in the ceasefire

"We can't play this game indefinitely... if the parties are not willing to be present there is a limit to how long we can

Mr. Williams said that the U.N. was aware that a handful of Serbs was occupying strategically unimportant positions on a promontory just inside the exclusion zone around Gorazde.

There is one position on the west bank northwest of the town where there is a Serb position straddling the threekilometres. There are some Serbs on that position... How they got there in the first place I don't know but (General Michael Rose, commander of the U.N. forces in Bosnia-Herzegovina) thinks it will be very, very difficult to evacu-

Mr. Akashi had tried for four days to convene the Geneva talks involving all warring parties - Croats, Muslims and

Reports that about 150 armed Serbs had withdrawn from the U.N.-declared safe area and military exclusion zone were rejected Saturday and Sunday by Bosnian Vice President Ejup Ganic who heads the Bosnian government delegation.

Mr. Ganic said the "Belgrade regime did not show any interest for political talks for a political solution. They are

Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic said meanwhile heavy weapons should be banned from almost of all Bosnia to restore the mibtary balance between Muslims and their heavily-armed Serb foes.

Mr. Izetbegovic, at a public discussion in Sarajevo with three U.S. senators, urged the creation of a 100-kilometre heavy weapons exclusion zone radiating from the beart of Bosnia.

The zone, centred northwest of Sarajevo, would cover most of the former Yugoslav repub-be's territory and include regions where Muslims and Serbs are still fighting.
"If we bad a 100-kilometre

zone then we would have a free Bosnia," Mr. Izetbegovic added and said Muslims would propose the idea to international mediators.

The United Nations created 20-kilometre beavy weapons exclusion zones around Sarajevo and Gorazde earlier this year.

Their extension would favour Muslims over the Bos-nian Serb army (BSA) which has relied on its buge superiority in tanks and artillery to take control of 70 per cent of Bos-

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Iraq introduces Sharia punishment to prevent crimes

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — The Iraqi government, in a bid to curb a surge in crime in Iraq, has opted to apply Islamic Sharia law on theft and cut off the hand or foot of thieves, armed robbers face the death penalty.

State-run newspapers on Sunday carried a decree by the ruling Revolution Command Council (RCC) saying amouttion would be used against anyone found guilty of stealing anything worth more than 5,000 dinars - about \$12 on the open market.

Babil, the newspaper of President Saddam Hussein's eldest son Uday, meanwhile, urged the government to reintroduce a law allowing a man to kill an adulterous wife or sister without fear of prosecu-

Iraqi newspapers said the RCC decree called for anyone convicted of stealing to have their right hand amputated.

Thieves convicted for a second time risk amputation of "the left leg from the foot

"The sentence will be death instead of amputation if the crime of theft is perpetrated by a person, openly or discreetly carrying a weapon, or in cases in which death results from the crime," the decree said.

Babil praised the move and said it should be implemented

"We wish... the government would reconsider a law we were forced to abolish before the 30-state aggression (1991 Gulf war)... which grants a person the right to kill his sister, wife etc. without being pursued by law courts, if they commit adultery or any immoral crime," the newspaper added in a front-page article under the pseudonym Abu Sarhan.

Abu Sarban said Iraq had had to annul the law because of what he described as "the Western pressure for the socalled human rights."

tant in my view is an accurate implementation by the specialised authorities of this decree,"

he wrote. No official figures are available on crime in Iraq, but reports of theft and robbery are rife on the streets of Bagh-

Prior to the imposition of the U.N. Gulf crisis trade blockade, Baghdad was one of the safest capitals in the region. Car theft, almost non-existent, has now become endemic.

The sanctions, imposed to punish Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait, bave caused widespread deprivation, forcing many people to steal to make ends meet.

The tough ruling was President Saddam's second drastic measure in three days since he took personal charge of the cabinet on Monday. On Friday, the government

ordered up to one year in jail for any trader or retailer violating state-controlled prices and said the ruling Baath Party could impose such sentences.

President Saddam took over as prime minister in the wake of steep price rises and a collapse in the value of the dinar against the U.S. dollar.

Iraq, while predominantly Muslim, is a secular state. But President Saddam since last year has been waging a spiritual and religious campaign that bas included making teaching of the Koran compul

sory for schoolchildren. Crime and official corruption have soared as Iraq's economy has crumbled under the weight of U.N. sanctions.

Last year, 36,000 cars were

stolen and few recovered, according to newspaper accounts. The sanctions ban most

trade with Iraq, depriving it of much-needed oil revenue. Baghdad says the sanctions, which have impoverished the nation of 18 million, are re-

sponsible for the deaths through hardship of more than 400,000 people, mostly children and the elderly.

Abu Sarhan urged the authorities not to besitate in translating the new measures

SAINTE-MERE-EGLISE, France (Agencies) — U.S. veterans parachuted over Normandy on Sunday, reenacting the daring assault they made 50 years ago to capture the first French town and block Nazi

paratroopers followed, jumping over the pasture of grass and yellow buttercups, mushy after several days of rain. Orange flags marked the land-

ing targets.

The jump, televised live in France and the United States, was one of the highlights of marathon celebrations on botb sides of the Channel marking the 50th anniversary of the start of the liberation of

One veteran's parachute tangled and he began falling fast but he managed to deploy his reserve chute and landed

Another had blood on his face from a cut eyebrow but was otherwise unhurt and in high spirits, a military spokesman said. Watched by tens of

thousands of sightseers, all 40 veterans of the 82nd and 101st airborne divisions aged between 68 and 83 jumped near the village of Sainte-Mere-Eglise, which they seized early

First to land was James Rizparachute infantry regiment of the 82nd airborne. He wore a World War II tan uniform with a big U.S. flag on his right

those who did not come back. 1 did it as a reminder. I accomplished what I already did 50

sauteurs" (the jumping gran-dads) by French television, the veterans jumped four at a time.

Their D-day mission was to cut the main road from the port of Cherbourg and prevent German reinforcements from reaching the landing zone. But many landed far off course and were shot, drowned or captured.

diers and French firemen were on hand to disentangle the veterans from their multicoloured, rectangular parachutes after World War II-vintage C-47. twin Otter and Dakota

planes dropped them, They were followed by 600 serving members of their divisions flown in from North Carolina and Kentucky to Alconbury air base in England before flying south across the Channel on the same route as their elders.

The drop started at 2:00 p.m. (1200 GMT) when a Dakota craft, a civilian version of the C-47s used in 1944. passed from clouds into a patch of clear blue sky 1,100 metres over a field about three kilometres west of Sainte-Mere-Eglise.

A yellow and red parachute,

the first of the multi-coloured rectangular chutes the veterans used for better control. appeared followed by six

The veterans came down into a grassy but wet and muddy field, which softened their landings. They were cheered by a crowd of thousands watching from about one-kilometre.

While the veterans jumped, 12 allied leaders were sailing for France aboard a flagbedecked royal yacht, retrac-ing the voyage of the world's biggest seaborne invasion force that led to the liberation of Western Europe 50 years ago.

They were to join French President François Mitterrand and tens of thousands of veterans on Monday for the central commemorative ceremony at Omaha Beach, scene of the worst carnage on D-Day. Queen Elizabeth's yacht Bri-

tannia, surrounded by an armada of warships, yachts, speedboats and dinghies left the British navy base of Portsmouth amid prayers, pomp and ceremony.

About 40 miles out to sea in mid-channel, veterans aboard the royal yacht cast wreaths into the water and a vintage Lancaster bomber dropped two million poppies - symbols of the war dead to the British.
U.S. President Bill Clinton and his wife Hillary were welcomed aboard the George Washington with the six bells traditionally accorded the American commander-in-chief along with the bosun's announcement: "United States

Malaysia's king celebrates 72nd birthday

KUALA LUMPUR Malaysia

(AP) — Malaysia's king cele-brated his 72nd birthday Saturday with a tea party and awards for people who have contributed to the nation. In a speech, the Yang Di-Perman Agons Tuanku Jaafar Abdui Rahman said participation by Malaysian troops in United. Nations peacekeeping activities in Bosnia-Herzogovina, Somalia and other countries "has enhanced Malaysia's iniage as a country fighting for universal buman rights." It was Tuanku Jaafar's first birthday as king. He was elected and sworn in as the king for a five-year term in April. Nine Malaysian states have traditional rulers or sultans who are heads of their states. They meet every five years to electione of themselves to be nation al king for a five-year term. Ar the end of the term, or if a monarch dies in office, another is elected. The system was introduced by the government after independence from Britain in 1957 so that the monarchy system would be preserved. Among those who received awards from the king was Thai Supreme Commander Air Chief Marshal Voranat Apicbari, who received the Pingat Panglima Setia Mohkota (Commander of the Most Esteemed Order of the Crown of Malaysia). The award was given to Gen. Voranat for his . role in promoting closer ties between the two countries.

Japanese, Swiss ... take prizes in poster biennial

WARSAW (AFP) — Japanese Mitsuo Katsui and Kazninasa Nagai and Swiss Ralph Schraivogel and Claude Kuhn took the top honours in the revived Warsaw international poster biennial Saturday. The 425 entries from 31 countries in the show revealed that computer design has taken over in the four years since it was last held. In the ideological section the gold medal went to Katsui. whose digital editor was also given a credit at the bottom of poster The Blessing Of Light." In the same section Poland's Mieczyslaw Wasilewski took the silver medal for a work commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising, while Clande Baillargeon of France was awarded the bronze for a photo-montage on the theme of French fascism. In the commercial category Schraivogel was the winner for "African Cinema", ahead of Kuhn for a poster entitled "Cormorant and Fish" and Poland's Henryk Tomaszewski, a founder of the "Polish school" of poster design, for "Love". Nagai was awarded the special Jozef Mroszczak prize, while another Japanese, Shigeo Kat-suoka, made a marked impact on the public with his "Stop AIDS", showing a naked woman leading a child's skeleton by the band. The Warsaw biennial, the oldest, poster competition in the world, has its home at the Poster Museum at Wilanow, just outside the Polish capital.

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Remains of Russian prince to be examined

MOSCOW (AP) — The tomb of the younger brother of Rus-sia's last czar will be opened so genetic tests can be done by experts identifying the remains of the slain monarch, the newspaper Izvestia reported Saturday. After a series of sophisticated tests, British experts concluded last year that bones found in a pit ontside Yekaterinburg in 1991 were those of Czar Nicholas II, his wife and three of his five children. The czar and his family were murdered by the Bolshe-viks in 1918. Although their remains have been identified, officials fear the Russian public still has doubts, Izvestia said. In a bid to ease those doubts. investigators want to compare genetic material from Grand Prince Georgy Alexandrovich with genetic material from the czar's bones, Izvestia said. The prince died in 1899 of consumptioo. The report said investigators have obtained permission to open the prince's tomb in Petropavlovsk Cathedral in St. Petersburg. All but two czars rest there in the Romanov family tomb. "The Russian Orhtodox Church gave its permission, there is an arrangement with the St. Petersburg Museum of History and local authorities are quite understanding," the Izvestia report said. It did not say when the tomb would be opened.

Government promises to study doctors' call By Ica Wahheh Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - A delegation of doctors Sunday met with De-puty Prime Minister Ma'an Abu Nowar and Minister of Health Abdul Rahim Malhas to discuss Ministry of Health doctors' demands for better

pay. The delegation included physicians from the Jordan Medical Association (JMA) council and a Ministry of

Health committee. Head of the JMA, Dr. Ishaq Maraga, told the Jordan Times after the meeting that "there has been an expression of sympathy from the ministers towards the request of the doctors and they have sincerely promised to constantly follow the matter up and minimise the time usually taken to approve the demands that are put forward to the prime ministry.'

At the same time, Dr. Maraga said, the ministers hoped the doctors will "tolerate and accept the unavoidable delay that the procedures usually take, but again promising to do it in the shortest possible

The details of the meeting will be discussed Monday (today) by the JMA and Ministry of Health doctors to adopt suitable decisions which can lead to the fulfillment of their demands and without jeopardising the health of citizens and the reputation of the country."

Saturday's two-hour, stoppage did not have any negative mpact on the patients, said Dr. Maraga, as the doctors treated all emergencies and "the time was short."

While no further interruption of work is considered and no date for further steps has been set, Dr. Maraga said he hoped "we will not need to take further measures to see our demands met."

The deputy prime minister stressed that no one can give a fixed date for the resolution of the problem but "promised to do it in the shortest possible time and to give the matter his personal attention," said the JMA head.

The doctors are willing to wait for the implementation of the decision taken by the govemment until next year, he said, providing that measures are taken soon.

They (doctors) do not insist to have it done for the 1994 financial year, but hope to hear (of a) decision of approval during the next few weeks,' Dr. Maraqa said, stressing that the physicians are aware such a decision needs to be discussed from a legal point of view, has to concord with the civil services regulations and that the Ministry of Finance will have to decide that the government is able to put up with the consequences of approval.

The doctors have presented a "simplified system," approved by the Ministry of Health and the Civil Service Commission, by which Ministry of Health doctors would have allowances equal to those of their colleagues in other

medical sectors in the country. Minister of Health Malhas approves of the doctors demands, according to the JMA head, and "promised to exert all efforts towards their follow up and approval."

36 Palestinian intelligence

officers head for Jericho

Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Thirty-six Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) officers beaded for the West Bank town of Jericho on Sunday to form the first unit of a Palestiniao intelligence apparatus in the autonomous

territory, PLO officials said. The officers, all of them former members of the Palestine Liberation Army (PLA), the military wing of the PLO, will take up office in Jericho with the main task of preventing sabotage against Palesti-nian self-rule, the PLO officials said.

Omar Khatib, deputy chief of the Palestinian embassy in Amman, was quoted as saying by the Associated Press that the group would serve as an intelligence force "to prevent sabotage against the Palestinian autonomy as well as

espionage and rebellions."
The head of the group,
which has undergone training in intelligence gathering and anti-sabotage measures, was identified as Tawfiq Al Tirawi, a former officer of the PLA. He was quoted as saying that the force's job was to "defend and ensure Palestinian secur-Mr. Tirawi, 47, is a native of

the West Bank Iown of Tirreh.

The group had originally 25

members and was supposed to

leave for Jericho on Friday, but delayed its departure until II others flying in from Egypt, Tunisia and Algeria joined the unit, the PLO officials said. A similiar unit known as "Palestinian preventive security force" - made up mostly of recruits from within the occupied territories and trained

outside — has already de-ployed in Gaza and Jericho. Both groups will work in close coordination with the 4,000-strong Palestinian police force deployed in the Gaza Strip and Jericho following the May 4 signing of the implementation accord of the Sept. 13 autonomy agreement between the PLO and Israel.

Most of the members of the two groups as well as the police force have undergone training and familiarisation courses in respect for human rights and arrest and trial procedures. The officers, wearing green

uniforms and red berets, seen off by families and PLO officials from the Palestinian mission in Amman. The families are expected to follow them after Israel provides the necessary clearance documents, PLO officials said. According to the PLO offi-

cials, between 200 and 300 Palestinian policemen from the Jordan-based Badr Brigade of the PLA are expected to leave for Jericho next week.

seek non-U.N. embargo on N. Korea

WASHINGTON (Agencies) - The United States may seek to impose economic sanctions against North Korea on its own or with allies if the United Nations Security Council re-jects them, U.S. Defence Secretary William Perry said

Sunday.
"That's entirely possible,"
Mr. Perry said on NBC Television's Meet the Press programme when asked if the United States would tions outside the U.N.

"We have discussions under way with our allies about sanctions," Mr. Perry said. "Even modest sanctions will be very painful for North Korea," considering the weakness of its economy, he said.

China, a member of the Security Council and a sometime ally of North Korea, has been reluctant to go along with sanctions proposed by the United States as a way of pressuring North Korea into complying with U.N. strictures on development of nuclear

North Korea has warned that sanctions would be regarded as an act of war. But Mr. Perry said that while the United States was concerned with the North Korean statements and its military posturing, it was not expecting

"I do not think we are facing imminent danger of a military confrontation," he said.

"We will not provoke a war," he said. "But at the same time we will not invite a war by not being prepared."
"We have been building up our forces over the last six months," Mr. Perry said. "It is my judgment that we have adequate forces at this time to

defend South Korea.

"Any war that is started will have devastating consequences on North Korea," he said. The goal of sanctions being discussed by Japan, South Korea and the United States would be to pressure North Korea to allow international inspectors to determine whether Pyongyang had di-

verted weapons-grade pluto-

The International Atomic Energy Agency (1AEA) said last week it could no longer guarantee that the fuel from the Yongbyon nuclear plant had been properly disposed of. "As we apply sanctions, the North Korean economy, as you know is in desperate condition, and even modest economic sanctions will be very painful to North Korea," Mr.

Perry said. North Korea on Sunday restated its rejection of the U.S. North Korea "does not have

the intention to neet an unjustifiable demand ... and cannot tolerate our sovereignty encroached upon." said North Korean commentary carried by the official Korean Central News Agency.

Veterans reenact D-Day jumping

reinforcements on D-day. About 500 U.S. and French

France.

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years ago," he said Dubbed "les papys

On Sunday, American sol-